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From the Superintendent

CONFESSION-A MODERN-DAY JONAH

by David Wheeler

I sat on a straight chair in my room in the crumbling Soviet-era hotel in Krasnodon, an east Ukrainian city of over 120,000. I was exhausted, cold, hungry, and just about as miserable as I had ever been. Out the front window, a twenty-foot statue of Lenin would have been visible — if the streetlights had been working that night, which they weren't.

Krasnodon is the easternmost point of Ukraine, and the center of the city lies only 10 kilometers from the Russian border. I was there to help two young Bible College graduates organize a church in what is described as a "spiritual desert." In east Ukraine it is possible to travel 300 kilometers without ever passing an evangelical church.

To reach that dingy, damp room, I had flown nearly 6,000 miles, then traveled for 21 hours on the train. It was Thursday, my third night in Ukraine, and I was desperate for a good night's sleep. Monday night I had dozed on the airplane; Tuesday night had been spent tossing and turning, fighting a seven-hour jet lag. Wednesday night I had passed on the train, sharing a stiflingly hot six-foot compartment with three Ukrainian men.

The best word to describe the train ride was "boring." Anticipating a long journey, I had brought my Bible, a book to read, and pen and pad for study, but less than an hour out of Kiev it was full dark, and the forty-watt bulb in our compartment made reading impossible. So I sat and stared out the window at the darkened landscape and, like Paul and his companions during the storm at sea, "wished for the day."

After several hours of this, we lay down for sleep. The sleeping accommodations consisted of four hard benches upon which were unrolled thin pads. I was dressed for the unexpectedly cold weather outside, not for the stifling compartment, so my sleep consisted mainly of tossing and turning and sweating — for nearly twelve hours. When the sun came up, I looked at myself in the mirror and saw terminally tousled hair to go with the stale dried sweat I could smell on my body.

I surveyed the tiny, filthy, ill-equipped toilet on the train car; it did not even have running water. I learned that, if you really have to, you can brush your teeth, wash out your mouth, shave, rinse your razor, comb your hair, and wash your hands with a nine-ounce paper cup of drinking water. I spent the last six hours of the trip looking forward to the hotel room I knew was waiting, a good wash, a proper bathroom, and a warm bed.

When we arrived at the end of the interminable train ride, we were still forty kilometers from Krasnodon. The rest of the journey was made in an ancient, decrepit "Moskvitch" automobile — jokingly referred to as a Russian Mercedes — which provided cramped transportation for five grown men. We stopped at the driver's home in a tiny coal-mining village for lunch, then proceeded on to our destination. Again, all I could think about was a good bath, a proper toilet, and a warm bed.

Finally, about dark, we arrived at the hotel. They had reserved for the Ukrainian evangelist and me the best room in the best hotel. The room — actually a suite — had a sitting room with an ancient, one-channel television, a bedroom with two single beds separated from the sitting room by a curtained archway, and a bathroom. I admit, it was the latter I was most interested in.

As I walked into the bath, the harsh reality of the situation hit me. There was no heat in the entire hotel. There was no faucet accessible to the huge porcelain tub and there was only a tiny trickle of cold water from the

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spigot on the sink. There was not even any water connected to the toilet, which had be flushed with a bucket. There was no toilet seat. I walked back into the sitting area and sat.

I could hear my companion in the bedroom area changing into his night clothes, but I had no desire to change. I had no desire to sleep. I had no desire to do anything that would constitute acceptance of the conditions as I sat there, mentally rehearsing before the Lord all my grievances. I will confess, it was not my finest hour.

In a few minutes, my companion parted the curtain, made a steeple of his fingers, and said, "Molyem?" which is Russian for, "We pray?" Now, the last thing in the world I wanted to do was pray; I was mad with God. So I knelt shivering on the freezing floor of that room and went through the motions of prayer. As my roommate bombarded heaven in his language, I complained to God in mine. I complained about the food I had been served. I complained about having to share my room with a man who spoke no English. I complained about the train ride. I complained about the room, the cold, and the bathroom — especially about the bathroom. I reminded God how far I had traveled and how much I was sacrificing just to be there; I expected a little divine gratitude. I said, "Lord, don't you care about me at all? Has your famous compassion dried up?"

And I seemed to hear the voice of God saying, "Jonah." I wondered why God wanted me to think about Jonah. Then I heard it again: "Jonah." But this time I was aware that God was not **reminding** me of Jonah; He was **addressing** me as Jonah; God was telling me that I was acting like Jonah.

I protested, "But, Lord! I didn't run the other way like Jonah. I came where you sent me. I WANT to be here." But even as I was saying these words, I remembered that the story of Jonah didn't end with the fish vomiting him up on the shore, nor with his preaching to Nineveh and the people repenting; it ended with his sitting on a hillside overlooking the city, complaining because the vine that had shaded his head from the out sun had died. It ended with God saying to Jonah, "You are concerned about the vine that made you comfortable; I am concerned about 120,000 people who don't know their right hand from their left."

And I realized what God was trying to say to me. Here I sat more concerned about the comfort of my body than about the more than 120,000 people right outside my hotel that didn't know Jesus. God told me, "I do care, and I do have compassion; I care for those who live without my love, and I have compassion for those who will die without knowing my mercy."

Something withing me broke, and I began to weep as God reminded me why I was there. He said, "I didn't bring you nearly 7,000 miles to take a shower or eat certain foods or live in comfort. I brought you here to stand in the gap between Calvary and people who are dying in their sins. I brought you here to agonize **with** me over the lost, not complain **to** me about your own discomfort."

I thought about that city, about hungry children, about out-of-work miners, about the ones who worked twelve hours a day, but over the last several months had only been paid a few dollars. I thought about the huge factory I had seen, gutted with fire in a mafia feud, and the people who once had jobs there. And I wept, not for the cold of the room, the lack of amenities, or the stench rising from my body, but for the souls of people who don't know their right hand from their left.

In a flash I understood: I was a soldier on a hostile field of battle, and it was high time I girded my loins and entered into the fray. I don't know how Jonah's story ended, if he repented for his lack of compassion or not. But I do know what happened with THIS Jonah: God gave me a massive attitude adjustment there on that cold floor, and I went on to not only tolerate my stay in that city, but also enjoy it and be sorry to see it end.

And now I wonder: how many Jonahs are there among us? How many of us constantly bombard God with complaints about our lot in life? How many of us are there to whom God would say, "Forget about the comfort of your body and shed tears for those who do not know my love"?

**My troubles were not over. When we finished praying and I went to the bathroom to prepare for bed, even the trickle of water had stopped; the only water in the room was the bucketful for flushing the toilet. But I just smiled and dipped my hands in the bucket and was grateful. The next day I would walk about ten miles handing out tracts and inviting people to services, and have the blisters to prove it. Saturday I would get soaked to the skin and stay wet all day, then emerge from the evening service to a fairly heavy snowfall, conditions for which I had brought neither clothing nor shoes. We would return to the room and find that the weather had cut off the electricity to the hotel. Sunday morning, we only had about three inches of water in the bucket for all the needs of both of us, and then there was another twenty-hour train ride to face.

**But, you see, none of that even registered on my awareness as hardship, because in two services in that spiritual desert, we had seen seventeen souls saved — not the whole city, but a good beginning for a fledgling church. All that mattered was that seventeen people came to know the love and mercy of Him who is now THEIR Heavenly Father, just as He is mine and yours. There is no price-tag that can express the worth of that.

**Since returning to my comfortable lifestyle, this modern-day "Jonah" has prayed many times — Father, if ever again you need an evangelist in Krasnodon, "Here and I, Lord; send me." The going is worth the price — and it's no hardship at all.

Rev. Wheeler is a North Carolina Conference Board Member

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CHURCH NEWS

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION CLINIC

April 24-29, 1998
at Northwood Temple
4250 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28311
Telephone: 910-488-7474

Classes begin with registration at noon, Friday, April 24 and end on Wednesday April 29.

Clinic is sponsored by Dr. James D. Kennedy, EE International, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33307, who also provides Clinic teacher.

For more information regarding cost, etc., call Northwood Temple Church office.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Daisy Morris	January 2
Rev. Ruth Heath	January 4
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January 22
Rev. James McCandless	January 22
Rev. J. Russell Clark	January 25
Rev. Jack Jayroe	January 29

MUSICIAN NEEDED ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP

Abundant Life Fellowship is in need of a pianist for Sunday morning and evening services.Other musicians would be a great asset. If interested, please call 919-303-0545 ask for Michelle.

1998 Christian Worker's Institute
February 16-18, 1998
"Twelve Keys to an Effective Church"
Book by Kennon L. Callahan

Monday Evening,	7:30 p.m.	John Hedgepeth
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Praise and Worship — T. Elwood Long
	9:30 a.m.	Chapters 1 & 2 Specific, Concrete Missional Objectives Pastoral and Lay Visitation — Dwight Dunning
	10:45 a.m.	Break
	11:00 a.m.	Corporate, Dynamic Worship Significant Relational Groups — Ferrell Hardison
	12:15 p.m.	Lunch
	2:00 p.m.	Strong Leadership Resources Streamlined Structure and Solid Participatory Decision Making — Maurice Phelps
	3:15 p.m.	Break
	3:30 p.m.	Several Competent Programs and Activities Solid Financial Resources — Gary Strickland
	7:30 p.m.	John Hedgepeth
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Praise and Worship — D. Chris Thompson
	9:30 a.m.	Open Accessibility — High Visibility — Jim Whitfield
	10:45 a.m.	Break
	11:00 a.m.	Adequate Parking, Land, and Landscaping

Pastor David Wheeler will serve as Minister of Music

Rooms are available on a limited basis.

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November 13, 1997

Dear Friends:

In just 25 years, more than **35,000,000** babies have been aborted and thrown away to become a part of the **mass garbage can graves.** That is why **informed and caring people** are rising to the challenge of making a difference for the unborn. ATAM Net/The Royal Home **is committed** to providing an **alternative to abortion** by helping to save babies and redirect young women. ATAM, Inc. needs your help in promoting **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** (SOHLS) which will be **January 25, 1998.**

This ministry will provide promotional material for **every pastor** in the denomination, which will be mailed the first week of December, 1997. If space could be available in your January or February periodical, our effectiveness in **alerting** people to this **life/death cause** would be greatly enhanced. LifeSprings Resources is printing a poster and bulletin insert that can be used for your publication upon request. We have enclosed script and other material that may be arranged to suit the space available in your upcoming issue.

Your **help** will be **greatly appreciated.** We thank you for your interest in an **alternative to abortion** for the unborn.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. Whitfield

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General Coordinator

ATAM Network, Inc., a ministry of Falcon Children's Home and the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, provides care for young women with unplanned pregnancies.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA...

GRAND OPENING!! We often see this sign in front of a new business establishment, or we might read about this kind of celebration for an opening event. Anytime we see this statement, we know a new beginning is being featured.

Well, here we are at the GRAND OPENING OF 1998! Every new year that dawns offers us the opportunity for new beginnings. At this time of year, we reflect on what has occurred in our homes, churches, businesses or relationships during the past year. We evaluate the successes, and we analyze what could have made life better. With bold determination, we make our list of resolutions for the new year. No matter how simple or how complex our resolution, we make it with the intent of working toward the goal. Often, though, we find ourselves back in the routine of life with the resolution forgotten . . . not really a new beginning . . . just another good intention that we did not follow through.

New beginnings are not always easy. Some of them are thrust on us without warning. There is the young woman whose husband leaves, and she suddenly finds herself with the responsibility of single parenting. There are those who, because of downsizing in the business world, find themselves with no means of livelihood. Still others might become victims of illnesses that turn their world upside down. Someone else loses a loved one in death and has to begin a new season of life.

We have new beginnings all through life. If we take a journey from the cradle to the grave, we see that growth and new beginnings go hand in hand.

Have you ever observed a baby taking that first spoonful of food? More often that not, more dribbles down the chin than gets in the mouth. But given a few days — and a patient attendant — the child will open the mouth and lick the spoon clean.

Every mother remembers when she saw her child take those first steps. For weeks the child had been holding tightly to someone's finger to stay steady. Then suddenly the urge comes to step out alone. A few steps are taken, and down the little one goes. Not to be defeated, more often than not, the child will go to all fours and crawl again; but Mom and Dad soon have him/her up practicing those steps again. Soon the infant has turned to a toddler — another new beginning.

Do you remember that first day of school? With lump in throat, Mom marches up the sidewalk with her little one proudly marching beside her. Junior is soon absorbed in making new friends and enjoying the new environment, and Mom is standing over in the corner — just can't pull herself out the door. This is a new beginning.

The years fly. There is the first recital, the first solo in church, the first date, the first time driving the car; and before you know it, high school graduation. Another new beginning has occurred as this young person now goes to college or finds employment. In most cases, there is a wedding in the picture. Another new beginning takes places as a couple begins marriage and establishes their home. Children in that home bring more new beginnings. In the transitional society of today, career changes and moves to new locations are commonplace. Various stages of life automatically bring opportunities for change and new starts. All through life we have new beginnings.

As I think of that at the beginning of this new year, I wonder what I will encounter during 1998. Whatever it is, whether joyous or painful, I know that it will help me to grow. Romans 8:28 tells that, "all things work together for good to them that love God." As I face the GRAND OPENING of a new year, I look with eager anticipation to what lies ahead. My greatest desire is to fulfill the call of God on my life — in my home, my church and my community. Although I don't know what tomorrow holds, I know who holds tomorrow. I can fully depend on God in every new beginning.

As you begin this new year, resole to live each day to your full God-given potential. Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Celebrate the GRAND OPENING!!

HARVEST TRAIN '97 ...

They come from far and near ... to Falcon Children's Home for that most special day of the year. Vans, trucks and cars full of smiling faces, commodities and cash settled in on the usually quiet little village. A spirit of celebration prevailed in the hearts of cheerful givers.

On Monday evening, November 24, the Gospel Tabernacle Church choirs and orchestra began the celebration with a great rendering of *Let Your Glory Fall.* On Tuesday morning, November 25, the church parking lot was bustling with activity as people gathered to decorate vehicles and form the parade. Police escort and the train car led the procession through the streets of Dunn, NC, and down I-95 toward Falcon. Upon arrival at the fire station there, a fire truck with Santa aboard joined the procession.

As the "train" rounded the bend, the young people who reside at Falcon Children's Home greeted the parade participants at the roadside in front of the home. They were eager to receive the candies which were distributed along the parade route. They laughed and waved and showed their pleasure at the occasion that brought to them provisions to take them through another year. Vehicles wound their way through

* * * *Happy New Year* * * *

the unloading area to deliver commodities to the home, and ended up at the Culbreth Tabernacle.

Upon arriving there, the scene changed to nautical. Boats were waiting in front of the building. Piers formed the pathways to lead visitors into the building. Once inside the building, attendants realized they were passengers on a huge ship. Sails were hung on poles in the auditorium. The bow of the ship circled the front to include the rostrum area. Soon the sailers came down the aisles and began swabbing the deck. The audience then recognized they were on board the Good Ship FCH. Rev. Wiley Clark served as the captain, with Rev. Mark Whitfield as the captain's assistant. Jeremy Campbell wowed the audience with his performance as the old sea captain. The Falcon Children's Home family, both staff and residents, presented an excellent and touching program of music and testimonials. By the time the program was finished, everyone felt a great sense of pride in being a part of the ship's crew — for it takes the support of all to keep this great ship afloat.

Mr. Ben C. Minter, writer and director of the drama, *My Anchor Holds,* is to be commended on his excellent production. Each year seems to be better than the last. Ben, you did it again!! Also, other staff members at the home, who made costumes and spent countless hours preparing for this event, deserve much credit for the success of Harvest Train '97.

Following the program, Bishop James Leggett gave greetings. Awards for the best decorated vehicles in the Harvest train parade were presented by General WM Board Member and NCWM Director Linda Thomas to Elliot Memorial Church from Western NC Conference and Harvest Temple from NC Conference. General WM Vice Director Jewell Stewart then introduced Conference WM Directors, who presented gifts for Falcon Children's Home to General WM Director Mary Belle Johnson. After all gifts were received, Mrs. Johnson presented to Rev. Clark a total of $287,000 in cash and $20,000 in commodities.

The top five cash contributions from the North Carolina Conference were as follows: Tarboro First $15,160.34; Greenville First $11,672.00; Harker's Island $10,35.00; Kinston First $8,436.23; and Harvest Temple $4,713.00. The top five commodity contributions from NC Conference were as follows: Weldon $6,008.09; Robersonville $3,510.00; Mt. Olive (Goldsboro District) $2,285.00; Kinston First $1,947.00; and Wallace $1,416.64.

Rev. Clark closed the program with words of thanks and an invitation for all to gather at the Falcon Children's Home Activity Center for a lunch of eastern NC barbecue with all the trimmings. Everyone left Falcon well fed — both spiritually and physically. Harvest Train '97 was a great success! If you missed it, you missed a real treat!

1997 DISTRICT WM RALLIES...

LUMBERTON DISTRICT Director Laurie Brown led her district in a rally in November at the Elizabethtown Church. Mrs. Janice Marshburn was the featured speaker for the program that was both motivational and spiritually enriching. The rally was well attended, and the ladies from that district felt renewed in spirit as they went back to their local congregations.

RALEIGH DISTRICT Director Meshelder Richardson and the local directors of the Raleigh District held their annual rally at The Capital Church in Raleigh. The rally featured four different ministry cell groups. *Becoming a Better Disciple* was led by Janice Marshburn and Rev. Rose Boyd. *Restoring Your Joy in the Lord* was led by Leota Ward. Each cell leader did an excellent job covering the subject matter and involving those attending the sessions.

WILSON DISTRICT Director Carla Huddler and her committee held their rally at the Living Waters Church. The program consisted of a fashion show of Bible women. This was followed by breakout sessions where women did small group Scripture searches to identify biblical women. NCWM Director Linda Thomas was the featured speaker and challenged the women to develop their God-given abilities and fulfill the ministry which God has assigned to them.

Sarah Shackelford, Jennifer Hawley, Carole Tyndall, Melissa Bissette, and Jamie Crocker are GEMS from Living Waters Church who modeled as Bible women at the Wilson District Rally.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT Director Janie Howard and the Greenville ladies rally was held at the St. Paul Church. *The Prodigals Are Coming Home* was a most informative and reflective program. Several ladies shared their experience in dealing with prodigal family relationships. The highlight of the event was the testimony of Mr. Jeff Price, who declared himself a prodigal who has come home.

GOLDSBORO DISTRICT Director Justine Lee held a rally featuring *Christmas in November* with Dr. Ellen Brubeck as the guest speaker. The ladies enjoyed a time of food and fellowship as part of this event at the Pike's Crossroads Church.

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT Director Charlene Strong's rally theme was *Being Released From Bondage.* The ladies met at the Emeral Plantation Club House at Emerald Isle where they enjoyed an array of finger food refreshments prior to the program. Janice Marshburn ministered powerfully in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many ladies prayed one for another and were spiritually enriched.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT Director Patsy Payne and her local directors enjoyed a rally at the Sanford First PHC. Following the program featuring testimonials on *The Blessings of the Lord,* the ladies gathered in the fellowship hall for a delicious lunch.

WILLIAMSTON DISTRICT Past Director Linda Askew led in the Mother & Daughter Banquet Rally at the Rehoboth Church. This was a great time of praise, worship, and great fellowship.

VIDEO SERIES AVAILABLE . . .

Women's Ministries has a video study series, ***Making the Most of Your Marriage,*** by Dr. John C. Maxwell, which is available for a small rental fee of $5 plus $3 shipping. Video I has two sessions: "What Happens After the Wedding?" and "What Does a Strong Marriage Look Like?" Video II has "The Top Ten Marriage Killers" and "The Top Ten Marriage Builders." Each session is approximately 30 minutes. These videos are ideal for a couples class or a marriage enrichment seminar. Included in the set are a leader's guide and discussion ideas. Pastors, WM Directors, Men's Fellowship Directors, or Local CEM Directors who are interested in renting this series may do so by calling Janice Marshburn at 910-324-4388.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

EVANGELISM / MEN'S MINISTRIES KEY MAN TRAINING

The Conference Evangelism Ministries is co-sponsoring the Promise Keeper's Key Man Training with the Conference Men's Ministry. The speakers will be Jack Kelley of Men's Ministries and Jack Mundy of Promise Keepers. The dates and locations are as follows:

January 31 — Robersonville
February 21 — Kinston First
March 14 — Conference Training Center

Each workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp. More details will be forthcoming. There is no registration fee. A love offering will be received. The meetings are presently scheduled to conclude at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will not be served.

Below is a basic review of the training.

Field Ministry Strategy

We intend to consistently communicate with pastors and leaders in the local churches within a structure that encourages spiritual growth, continuity, and action among their men. In order to effectively serve, we have established a volunteer position known as a Key Man.

Position

The Key Man is, with the approval of his pastor, the critical link between the men's ministry of his church and Promise Keepers. He should be a lay leader or a staff pastor. He serves at the pleasure of his pastor and local church. The Key Man exists to voluntarily serve in two capacities within Field Ministry.

1. Under the direction and authority of his pastor, he accepts a vital leadership role to effectively initiate and/or offer direction, organization, and support to the men's ministry of his church.
2. He is conduit for resources including materials, regional conferences, and training seminars provided by Promise Keepers and other contributing men's ministries.

KEY MAN TRAINING

I. MALE CONTEXT

A. The six principles that define the male context
1. Viewing closeness or intimacy as a threat
2. Listening by asking questions
3. Perceiving situations as a challenge to be met or conquered
4. Tunnel Vision
5. Structure primarily based on rules and principles
6. Express emotions through anger or sexual response

II. RECONCILIATION

A. Different levels of difficulty in reconciliation
B. Special emphasis on racial and denominational areas
C. Steps toward reconciliation

III. MEN'S MINISTRY

A. Principles of men's ministry
B. An overview of the structure of effective men's ministry
C. Three models
D. Progressive steps in starting men's ministry

IV. BROTHERS

A. The definition of men's small groups
B. The baseball diamond model
C. Heading for first
D. Sliding into second
E. Rounding third
F. Heading for home

V. SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR KEY MAN TRAINING

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT — LA ROCA, TARBORO

The Tarboro La Roca congregation is beginning another building campaign. They are enlarging their

Pastor Samodio Rainirez, La Roca, Calvary Temple

La Roca, Calvary Temple
October 31, 1997 — 35 Charter Members

present building to accommodate some phenomenal growth. They are presently averaging around three hundred in their weekly attendance. Their attendance has been as large as 500 for special occasions. The enlarged building will accommodate their increased congregations.

Pastor Manuel Castaneda and the Conference Loan Committee have informed me that in order to process their loan, they must be guaranteed the sewer hook-up The first estimate was $22,000.00. After discussion with the city of Tarboro, Pastor Castaneda informs me the city has agreed for the church to put in their own septic system. This coupled with the necessary tree removal is estimated to around six to eight thousand dollars. The church must raise these unexpected and additional funds. Praise the Lord for the reduction in the original amount.

The La Roca congregation is our largest Hispanic congregation. Praise the Lord for their outreach and their commitment to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. I am putting out an appeal to the individuals and churches of the Conference. If we can quickly raise these additional funds, the Conference Loan fund can execute the loan. The church can continue to move forward.

Love gifts should be sent to the Conference Evangelism Department and labeled La Roca, Tarboro.

WORLD MISSIONS MEALS 1998

Speaker: Rev. M. Donald Duncan
Invited Guests: Ministers, Local Missions Directors, and Spouses of Each
Purpose: To review the 1997 Accomplishments and Kick-off the 1998 Program of Work

Dates are as follows: Actual locations will be announced later. Any person may attend the location of choice.

February	5 – a.m.	Wilmington District
	p.m.	Lumberton District
	6 – a.m.	Williamston District
	p.m.	Fayetteville District
	9 – a.m.	Raleigh District
	p.m.	Rocky Mount District
	10 – a.m.	Greenville District
	p.m.	Goldsboro District
	11 – a.m.	Morehead City District
	p.m.	Hispanic District
	12 – a.m.	Wilson District
	p.m.	New Bern District
	13 – a.m.	Clinton District

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT — Rev. John Parker

Rev. John Parker, *"Mr. Missionary"* of the North Carolina Conference, will undergo some adjustments in ministerial status in January. John and Edna Parker have been faithful missionaries from the Conference since 1951. Brother Parker will retire with World Missions effective January 1. However, he will still make 3 to 5 missions trips a year for teaching purposes. He is such an excellent teacher and is so needed overseas. His supporters should continue his support through March. Each retiring missionary is given three months, severance pay. After March, each Parker supporter is asked to keep John on at least half-support. This will pay the expenses of those extra teaching trips during the year.

In addition to his part-time missions duties, **Brother Parker has been appointed the Hispanic Coordinator of the NC Conference.** He will be a part-time staff person with the Conference Evangelism Ministries. He is sorely needed and has already proved to be a life saver in this area.

"SPECIAL" 1998 ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Rose Boyd	Leaves in March
Tim Bowen	Leaves Summer
Jeannette Howell	Recently Approved Field — Krugersdorp, South Africa
Kim Nobles	Recently Approved Field — Nicaragua, South Africa Medical Missionary
Darrell & Bonnie Clowers	Panama Residence — Missions Homes January through February — Falcon March through December — Clinton
Ed & Margie Rhodes	Field — Haiti Residence — Missions Home March through Summer — Falcon

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1998 Clergy Conference

Calvary Church, Pineville-Matthews Rd., Charlotte, NC, Conference #98205

Tuesday February 19, 1998

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DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

Due to the closing of the Radisson Grand Resort, Youth Quest 1998 has been moved to:

July 27 - 30, 1998

Ridgecrest Conference Center
Asheville, North Carolina

First Session Opening Ceremony
Monday Nite July 27
Last Session Award Ceremony
Thursday Afternoon July 30

DATE CHANGE NATIONAL CAMPORAMA AUGUST 5-8, 1998

Camp Tuscarora, Near Newton Grove, North Carolina

Due to the closing of the Radisson Grand Resort, this date change became necessary for Youth Quest 1998 and the Royal Rangers Camporama.

Registration information is available from the National Royal Rangers Office 800/882-8043

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Church Education Ministries Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - October 1997

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	590	----	630	520
Kinston First	634	----	300	----	321	267
Tarboro First	214	----	195	----	185	191
Mt. Carmel	344	----	181	----	182	127
The Capital	350	----	178	----	170	220
The First	360	----	164	----	----	160
Gospel Tabernacle	558	15	158	14	429	261
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	158	----	186	----
Stedman	280	----	145	----	251	125
Shiloh	284	42	144	----	187	94
St. Pauls	176	----	142	----	132	113
Chadbourn	220	----	135	----	174	87
Whitley	269	----	128	----	248	212
Peniel	261	----	120	----	109	55
Clinton	266	----	120	----	213	126
Wilson First	160	----	118	----	75	80
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	117	19	169	91
Grace Family Fellowship	207	----	112	----	189	150
Bizell Grove	163	40	112	42	80	49
Lumberton	322	14	107	9	140	84
Harkers Island	133	----	105	----	67	49
Harvest Temple	171	65	105	47	130	79
Smyrna	----	----	104	----	----	63
Belfast	135	----	102	----	105	53
Brentwood	135	----	100	----	150	131
Graham Memorial	100	----	98	----	90	92
Evangel	210	19	96	17	----	58
Williamston	146	15	94	6	107	75
Benson	167	48	93	21	140	101
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	84	----	----	----
Bethany	155	5	84	22	109	50
St. Paul	----	----	83	----	----	----
Maranatha	71	----	81	----	50	84
Baywood	120	----	80	----	58	63
Wallace	227	----	75	----	67	49
Millennium	142	36	75	37	90	55
Westview	109	----	75	----	103	48
Nakina	82	----	72	----	----	14
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	70	----	140	55
Roper	97	----	69	----	93	57
Stantonsburg	102	----	69	----	----	----
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	68	----	86	58
Sanford First	94	----	65	----	49	45
Sharon	99	1	64	1	43	29
Mt. Olive (GD)	80	----	64	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	132	----	63	----	----	----
Emmanuel	97	----	63	----	60	63
Hobgood	100	----	63	----	----	----
Broadman	210	----	63	----	201	20
New Bern First	126	----	62	----	97	42
Moores Chapel	108	----	60	----	83	42
Hollands Chapel	71	----	58	----	30	24
Manleys Grove	132	----	58	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	168	19	56	24	91	59
Kenly	102	----	53	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	52	----	59	22
Bridgeton	84	----	51	----	23	12
Thomas Chapel	123	----	51	----	66	31
Winterville	67	----	50	----	----	----
Black Creek	55	----	49	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	75	----	49	----	30	17
Wilmington	142	----	49	----	142	29
Ebenezer	59	----	48	----	45	30
Jacksonville	76	----	48	----	30	25
Reelsboro	100	55	48	43	60	37
Snow Hill	67	----	46	----	----	----
Midway	110	----	46	----	84	42
Bethel	86	----	45	----	----	----
Eastside	202	----	45	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	84	----	44	----	----	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	44	----	14	14
Scotland Neck	53	----	43	----	28	26
Warsaw	77	----	43	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	43	----	65	31
Selma	57	----	42	----	----	----
Friendship WD	95	----	42	----	64	46
Jones Grove	45	----	42	----	----	----
Faith GD	80	----	40	----	60	----
Shiloh	91	----	39	----	----	----
Faith WD	65	135	39	127	----	----
Shelmerdine	55	----	39	----	42	35
Higher Ground	104	----	38	----	59	38
Goshen	79	----	38	----	36	35
Westmoreland	143	----	38	----	93	45
Tabernacle	58	----	37	----	33	----
Trinity CD	68	----	36	----	----	----
Spring Hope	50	----	35	----	45	35
Niagara	155	----	35	----	33	19
Grace Community	45	----	35	----	43	30
Aberdeen	80	----	34	----	75	17
Sneads Ferry	----	----	33	----	----	14
Trinity RMD	65	----	33	----	60	13
Living Waters	73	----	33	----	89	32
Weldon	66	----	33	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	33	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	32	----	----	----
Sonlight	30	----	30	----	22	22
New Vision	57	----	29	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	29	----	28	22\
Bailey	34	----	29	----	19	17
Abbottsburg	56	----	28	----	25	18
New Covenant	45	18	28	08	28	18
Spring of Living Water	46	----	28	----	46	----
Vaughans Chapel	47	----	27	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	27	----	----	----
Vanceboro	35	----	26	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	26	----	----	----
Cedar Point	45	----	25	----	19	17
Heritage	56	----	25	----	46	29
Albritton	72	23	25	19	22	42
Clayton	29	6	23	6	----	----
Hopewell	---	----	23	----	----	23
Lyon Memorial	79	----	22	----	----	----
Independence	39	----	21	----	----	----
New Hope	27	----	20	----	----	----
Wades Point	56	----	20	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	18	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	18	----	20	14
Lamm's Grove	50	----	17	----	----	----
Grifton	76	----	17	----	33	13
Alliance	43	----	17	----	42	----
Abundant Life	16	----	14	----	----	----
Wakelon	13	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	11	----	19	----
Alert	55	----	10	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	7	----	----	----
Windsor	13	8	7	15	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	6	----	----	----
New Life	10	----	5	----	----	----
Total:	16,295	589	8,468	477	8,056	5,480
Average:	130	31	66	4	98	62
Count:	125	----	129	----	82	88

Buckaroo Straight Arrow

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"Walk straight,
act right,
tell the truth."

Psalm 15:2

(The Message by Eugene H. Peterson)

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Several of our highly esteemed colleagues have received their promotions to our eternal home in recent days. I want us to honor them and cherish the memory of each of them for the rest of our lives. Please continue to pray for their families.

Reverend Hartwell Ray Stewart

September 21, 1917 — November 9, 1997

Funeral services for Reverend Hartwell Ray Stewart were conducted at Benson Pentecostal Holiness Church on Wednesday, November 12 by Superintendent Elwood Long, Reverend J. Doner Lee, and Reverend L. B. Collins.

He was born September 21, 1917, in Taylors, South Carolina, to Jacob and Miriam Beacham Stewart. Brother Stewart was converted to Christ on April 20, 1938, at Holmes Memorial Church in Greenville, South Carolina. He graduated from Mountain View High School in 1934 and earned his ThB at Holmes College of the Bible. He received his B.A. at Furman University.

He was ordained to preach in 1941. He pastored at the following churches in the Upper South Carolina Conference:

Fountain Inn
Terry Creek
Brewerton
Piedmont

In addition to serving at Holmes Memorial as Associate Pastor, he also served churches as follows:

Tryon, NC
Chilliwack (British Columbia)
The National Church, Washington, DC
Orlando, Florida
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Durant, Oklahoma
Atlanta, Georgia
Tallahassee, Florida

For 10 years he served as Dean and instructor at Holmes College of the Bible. He served as president of Pacific Coast Bible Institute in Canada for one year and served for 13 years as president of Pacific Coast Bible College in Sacramento, California. He also served as Conference Superintendent of East Oklahoma and Arizona.

He transferred to the North Carolina Conference from Upper South Carolina Conference in 1990. After the transfer, he served as interim pastor at Gum Springs in the Upper South Carolina Conference.

Among his family survivors include his wife Della Grace and two sons.

Reverend Harvey Morris

June 13, 1911 — November 11, 1997

Reverend William Harvey Morris was born in Pitt County on June 13, 1911, to Reverend Ed and Nora Morris. He responded to the call of God as a young man. Shortly thereafter, he attended Holmes Theological Seminary in Greenville, South Carolina. Upon graduating from Holmes, he returned to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and soon joined the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1932.

Brother Morris was married to Ethel Horton Lamm on December 20, 1932. From this union were born three daughters, Ethel Jean, Billie Gray, and Adina Dean.

Through 46 years of ministry, he pastored the following churches in the North Carolina Conference: Sanford, three years; Kinston, four years; Goldsboro (Oak Street), two terms, nine years; Tarboro, 11 years; Fayetteville (Person Street), six years; Greenville First, four years; Lumberton, four years; and Dunn Gospel Tabernacle, four years.

On August 7, 1973, Brother Morris' beloved went to be with the Lord after suffering from cancer. Shortly after his wife's passing, Rev. Miss Luetta Pascal came into Brother Morris' life. They were married in June 1975.

In 1978 he retired and built a home in Falcon and lived there until his health required him to go to Golden Years Nursing Home.

On November 11, 1997, Brother Morris went to his Eternal Home.

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He is survived by his wife, Luetta, three daughters, seven grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

The following is a poem that is a tribute to Brother Morris:

Daddy

In tears we saw you sinking
and watched you fade away.
Our hearts were almost broken.
We wanted you to stay.

But when we saw you sleeping
so peaceful and free from pain,
how could we wish you back
with us to suffer that again?

It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God took you home.

Services honoring Mr. Morris were conducted at Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon with interment in the Falcon cemetery. Officiating ministers including Bishop James D. Leggett, Conference Superintendent; T. Elwood Long, Conference Secretary-Treasurer; Reverend Roland Harrell, Reverend Elton Lancaster, Falcon Children's Home Superintendent Reverend Wiley Clark (son-in-law), and Reverend J. Doner Lee.

Reverend Frank R. Moore

October 31, 1929 — December 22, 1997

The funeral service for Reverend Frank Moore was conducted on December 24, 1997, at the St. Pauls First Church by Superintendent Elwood Long, Reverend Ray Faircloth, and Reverend Johnnie Pollard.

Reverend Moore was born in Edgecombe County on October 31, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Moore. He was converted to Christ at the Vanceboro Free-Will Holiness Church in 1946. He married Miss Mary Williams, and together they ministered in this Conference from 1967 until, for health reasons, he retired in 1991. Brother Moore had taken advantage of educational opportunities at Oral Roberts University and is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Institute. He received his Mission Workers License in 1964; his local Ministers License in 1967; and was ordained in 1969.

He pastored Good Shepherd (1964-1966); North Tarboro (1966-1969); Raeford (1969-1972); Saint Matthew (1972-1976); St. Pauls (1976-1978); Vanceboro (1978-1983); Westmoreland (1983-1985); Brock's Chapel (1985-1990); and Kenly (1990-1991).

Brother Frank has always been involved with the communities where he lived. He served on the boards of the Robeson Church and Community Center and the Neuse Mental Health Center. He has served his Conference by being a member of the Evangelism Board and the Examining and Stationing Committees.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; three daughters, Sue, Lou, and Frankie; five grandchildren, Jonathan, Amy, Matthew, Samuel, and Hannah.

The Preacher Man's Prayer

Lord, let me be a blessing
To someone along the way,
To give them strength and courage,
By the things I do and say.
Give me a heart so full of love,
That everyone will know
that they are seeing you in me
Wherever I may go.
And Lord, please keep me humble,
So I can do your will.
And give me a helping hand,
To try and climb the hill.
I have so much to thank you for,
And give your name the praise.
This is the promise I kept,
All of my days.

Reverend Mark Potter

Homegoing — December 25, 1997

Reverend Mark Potter, a native of New Bern, North Carolina, served as Superintendent of the South Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the time of his sudden departure due to an automobile accident on Christmas evening 1997.

Brother Potter grew up in the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of New Bern where his parents were members until their homegoing.

Mark and his wife Melba were residents of Lake City, South Carolina. He had served as evangelist, pastor, Evangelism and Missions Director of the conference prior to becoming superintendent in 1993. Brother Potter also served in numerous capacities in general church leadership of the denomination.

At the time of his demise, he was also serving as Secretary of Falcon Children's Home Board and as Chairman of the ATAM Board.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, and grandchildren. Among his survivors are brothers Reverend Raymond Potter and Reverend Hildred C. Potter of Greenville. Mr. Vernon Potter, Sr. of Raleigh, and Mr. Bobby Potter of New Bern. His brother Wesley serves as Superintendent of the Mid-Atlantic Conference. Brother Potter will be missed not only among his church peers and friends, but also in the business and civic community of Lake City. He had served as volunteer fireman for many years and was the Director of Emergency Feeding Program for Disaster Relief for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Mrs. Sallie D. White

July 12, 1933 — December 27, 1997

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Sallie White on Wednesday, December 31 at 3 p.m. at the Clinton First Pentecostal Holiness Church by Superintendent Elwood Long, Reverend King E. White, Sr., and Rev. W. David Butts.

Sister White is survived by her husband, Reverend Thad White, daughter, Beth and son, Richie and five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was born in Greene County on July 12, 1933, and grew up in Wilson County. She graduated from Lee Woodard High School in Black Creek.

Rev. and Mrs. White were married on June 1, 1955 (his birthday). There were three things Sallie wanted out of life. One of them she accomplished on her wedding day. She wanted to marry a preacher. The second was a home of her own. She has it now "Eternal in the Heavens," and she wanted to be a teacher. She was a teacher's aide for some time. This whetted her appetite for teaching.

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While Pastor White was serving the Clinton Church, she enrolled in Sampson Community College in 1974. Three and a half years later, she graduated from UNC/Wilmington. She began teaching at Rock Fish Elementary School in Hope Mills in 1978. She continued in that ministry until the time of her promotion to Heaven.

Sallie was secure in who she was, what she was, and where she was. She faithfully served with her husband/pastor for 44 years in the pastorate. In addition, she served as a missionary to Alaska, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and helped in any way she could in the churches. Sallie served as a counselor and instructor at Falcon Youth Camp and as a District Director for Women's Auxiliary (now Women's Ministries). Back in the days before our church had GEMS, she organized a Girls' Auxiliary at the Beaufort Church.

Sallie White was an exemplary Christian, devoted wife, loving mother, and true friend. She will be missed in a great way, but the memories will grow sweeter.

The following poem is a special tribute to her from her husband and read at her interment.

(Author unknown)

Should You Go First

Should you go first and I remain
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
In spring I'll wait for roses red,
When fades the lilac blue;
In early fall when brown leaves call
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way
Will be a hallowed spot!
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
Though blindly I may grope;
The memory of your helping hand
Will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain
To finish with the scroll,
No lenth'ning shadows shall creep in
To make this life seem droll.
We've known so much of happiness,
We've had our cup of joy,
And memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain,
One thing I'll have you do.
Walk slowly down the path of death,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take
That I may walk the same,
For some day down that lonely road,
You'll hear me call your name!

Reverend Clifton L. Turpin

October 27, 1931 — December 30, 1997

Reverend Clifton L. Turpin died December 30, 1997, at his home in Falcon. Services were conducted at Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church with interment in Falcon Cemetery on Friday, January 2, 1998.

Officiating in the funeral were: Pastor Danny Nelson, Reverend J. Doner Lee, Reverend Tim B. Henry, Superintendent T. Elwood Long, Reverend B. C. Horrell, and Reverend C. N. Hall.

Active pallbearers were: Reverends H. C. Potter, L. B. Avery, Herbert Carter, John Hedgepeth, Jimmy Whitfield, and Bobby Collins.

Brother Turpin was a native of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the son of Reverends L. E. and Henrietta Turpin. He is survived by his wife, Janice, two sons, Cliff and Steve, and two grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Reverend Harold Turpin of Wilson, North Carolina.

Mr. Turpin was a graduate of Southwestern High School, Emmanuel Junior College, and attended Holmes College of the Bible for two years. He received his B.S. and M.A. degrees at East Carolina University. He received an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree from Southwestern College of Christian Ministries.

He was licensed in 1949 and ordained to preach the gospel in 1951. He pastored in the North Carolina Conference for nine years and Upper South Carolina Conference for two years. In addition to these years of service, he served as Christian Education Director of the North Carolina Conference. For 10 years, he served as Vice President of Development for Emmanuel College; for three years, Director of Lifeliners International; for six years World Missions Executive Board; Administrative Assistant, one year. He served as Executive Director of Youth Outreach Center for three years and served as Superintendent of Falcon Children's Home for 11 years.

The following poem was written by Barbara Jackson at Reverend Conrad Hills' request to celebrate his friendship with Brother Turpin covering some 45 years.

What a Friend...

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Stirs thoughts of others we have known,
Who for years have been so faithful,
Placed by God on sweetest loan.

Through the years the friendship savory,
Grew and grew until today
We are more than friends - we're brothers,
Sharing love along life's way.

The Monday morning golf outings –
An excuse to share the day
And to share the love of Jesus
As we walked and as we played.

You would sense my need, my brother,
As we shared and shared alike
And advise with godly wisdom
When to calm and when to "fight."

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" –
A pattern set for you and me.
Jesus caused us to be brothers,
But made friends of us, you see.

Memories of close communion
We've enjoyed down through the years
Now quietly pass before me
Through this veil of joyful tears.

How I thank the Lord, my brother,
For a dear friend such as you
Who like Jesus – Lord and Savior –
Has been faithful, loving, true!

Worlds cannot begin to tell you
What your life has meant to me –
More than friends, more than brothers –
"Gift from God" – I know you see.

Not a one-sided friendship.
For I know you feel it too,
And appreciate God's great blessing,
Bringing me in step with you.

So I trust, my friend, my brother,
That I, too, have been a help
As we shared life's joys and sorrows,
As we laughed and as we wept.

"What a Friend we Have in Jesus."
Truer words we cannot hear
For it's in our own sweet Savior
We have formed a friendship dear.

So I take this fleeting moment
To express my love for you,
For like Jesus – Friend and Savior –
You have been a friend so true.

May God richly bless each minute
With all blessings from above.
May your thoughts be good and joyful
As you think upon His love.

So I thank you now, my brother,
For the years all gone before,
For your friendship, love, and caring –
Yes, my friend, and much, much more.

You have been an inspiration
As we shared in days gone by.
You have always been there for me,
Helped me laugh and helped me cry.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Stirs thoughts of others we have known
Who for years have been so faithful,
Placed by God on sweetest loan.

CHURCH NEWS

Ministering to the Town

The political climate finally changes in this little town that is the birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

FALCON – Every meeting of the Falcon Town Council opens with prayer. That's not so unusual, but until recently four ministers competed for the honor.

Four of the five town board members, including the town's mayor, were ministers in the Holiness Pentecostal Church. Three of them, Mayor Luetta Morris, Elton Lancaster, and J. Doner Lee, retired from politics when a new board was sworn in on Dec. 1. Wiley T. Clark is the only returning minister.

But a few ministers are nothing new to Falcon.

The small town about 16 miles north of Fayetteville is the birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. It is home to the headquarters of the church's North Carolina Conference. Pentecostal Holiness churches can be found all over the United States.

"The church is really growing, and it all started right here," Clark said.

Hundreds of Pentecostal Holiness congregations from the Southeast come to Falcon each year for the annual Harvest Train, a Thanksgiving celebration and fund-raiser for the children's home. North Carolina congregations gather in the summer for the annual camp meeting in June.

Many ministers come to Falcon through their work with the conference office, children's home, or retire here because they are drawn to the small town.

"There isn't a street in Falcon without one or two ministers on it," Wayne G. Lucas said.

Lucas is the only board member who is not a minister. He is now the town's new mayor.

"He's a minister, he's just not licensed," Clark said about Lucas at the December retirement and swearing-in ceremony.

Lucas didn't feel left out as the only board member who is not a minister. Instead, he said he enjoyed the smooth workings of the council. He's not sure if that's all because of the influence of the ministers, but "that certainly didn't hurt it a bit."

All of the board members said they enjoyed a sense of harmony when working together.

"I have served on many boards and commissions, but none with more harmony or unity," said J. Doner Lee, a Falcon native who served on the board for 10 years and was called to the ministry in 1950. "We tried through the years to work for others."

"The council had such unity," Luetta Morris said. "It never had a divided vote on any issue."

With Morris at the helm, the council built a town hall, brought water to Falcon, and is now debt-free. All of the streets except for one are in good repair. The council has put in an application for drainage and sewer.

Morris, Lee, and Elton Lancaster were recognized for their service to the town on Dec. 1 and given plaques and flowers. Morris joked that the retirement reception was so nice, "We might run again."

Lee said the retirements are official, but you're never completely closed off from either the job of minister or town commissioner. The job of pastor, especially, is never done.

"You have a lot to do – funerals, homecomings, that kind of thing," Lee said. "You're never retired. I'll never say that I have retired. I trust that I have refired."

Lancaster, a pastor for 31 years, said he still "fills in on weekends," serving as a guest minister about once a month. He said he's enjoyed working on the board. He has served off and on for six years. He retired to Falcon about 11 years ago.

"We had a wonderful working agreement," he said. "I really enjoyed it."

And what about all of those ministers?

"I hardly know what to say about that," Lancaster said.

But one thing is sure. There's no getting away from them in Falcon, and that's the way most people like it.

"Falcon was formed because of the church, and you can't separate them," Morris said.

New town council members, in addition to Lucas and Clark, are Clifton L. Turpin, Jr., G. L. Draughon, and Sherry Stephenson.

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SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS

Rev. W. Harold Lewis . . . . . .Feb. 7

Rev. Hildred Potter . . . . . .Feb. 8

Rev. J. Paul Jones . . . . . .Feb. 8

Rev. Mrs. Luetta Morris . . . . . .Feb. 10

Rev. Clayton Guthrie . . . . . .Feb. 15

Rev. Tim B. Henry . . . . . .Feb. 26

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Rev. and Mrs. Clifton L. Turpin have been such people in my life. Although I am sure this edition of *The Evangel* will have other tributes to Brother Turpin, I want to share my own tribute as well.

The Turpins came to pastor at Holly Hill in 1955 when I was 13 years old. They were a young, dynamic couple full of enthusiasm. Brother Turpin's sermons were anointed; and young people, as well as the adults, flocked to the altars after hearing him deliver the Word of the Lord. His messages were simple – yet powerful. His style of ministry was very relevant to the youth, and he built a rapport with us that influenced each of us for the rest of our lives. The Turpins were not only influential within the church, but also in the community. Even though they commuted to our congregation, they still found time to visit in the homes. I can recall the times when our family enjoyed having them for meals. Moma was a great "country" cook, and she would fill the table with fresh vegetables, country ham or pork chops, and those delicious homemade biscuits. Brother Turpin especially enjoyed them with her pear preserves. Although we had no fancy china or silverware, they made themselves right at home and felt like family.

I so much enjoyed the times the Turpins sang at our services, and they recognized my love for music. He offered me opportunities to participate in the services. His father had a tent ministry at that time; and I recall Brother Turpin and my brother, Jimmy, bringing his father's organ to use in our church. It was then that I learned to play the organ.

Recognizing the ability of this young minister, the conference elected him Christian Education Director in 1956. Their stay with us had been much, much too short. Our church family felt a great loss when we learned they would be leaving. We often laugh about the fact that for many years after he left, every time a pastoral vote was taken, there was always a vote for C. L. Turpin. One of our oldest members of the church never could accept the fact that Clifton would not come back to pastor Holly Hill again.

I attended youth camps during Brother Turpin's term of C.E. Director. Here again, right at his side was his beautiful and talented wife, Janice. I saw the impact they had on hundreds of other young people's lives as they served in that role.

They moved on to other areas of service and moved away from North Carolina, but they kept their ties here. If they were anywhere near us, they visited. If we were anywhere near therm, we visited their home. We stayed in touch as they added Cliff, Jr. and Steve to their family. When Joe and I were planning our wedding, we knew it would not be complete without Brother Turpin being a part of it. He was scheduled to be out of state on church business and could not be home in time for our rehearsal, but he left early to get back in time to assist our pastor, Rev. John Slye, in performing our wedding ceremony. When Moma died, he assisted with her funeral as she had requested.

One very special memory is of the Lifeliners Convention in Bakersfield, California. At this time, C. L. Turpin was director of Lifeliners International. My sisters and I were elected delegates to that convention (thanks to Rev. Harvey Morris); and Brother Turpin asked us, *The Morris Sisters*, to provide special music for the convention. We were so honored to be invited to perform there. Our participation in that convention opened the door for many other opportunities of ministry for us. We sang for numerous conference functions and were invited to many of the churches in North Carolina Conference when we returned home.

When the Turpins came back to North Carolina to serve at Falcon Children's home, I was privileged to serve on the FCH Board of Directors. I saw firsthand the dedication and devotion they had to that ministry. There was the same fervency there that I had seen in them as a young couple at Holly Hill. Brother Turpin gave himself fully to that work – again with Janice at his side.

Many of us stayed with them through the hard times that followed. We visited him and tried to encourage him – yet more often than not found him encouraging us. We wrote him to let him know that he was not forsaken – and his notes back to us were upbeat and positive. During his period of illness, we have been blessed when we visited in their home. The last visit Joe and I had with him was just before Christmas. He enjoyed recalling the good memories. He also continued to praise Janice for standing by his side. He chose to take the high road and not be defeated. On December 30, his final victory was won when God called him home.

I believe Clifton Turpin experienced some of what Job experienced in his life. It seems that all was stripped from him and many of his friends could not understand the truth of it all. Just one difference – never did Janice tell him to curse God and die. She stood there with her feet firmly planted on the Solid Ground with encouragement and support. They, together, determined to be victorious Christians.

At Brother Turpin's funeral service on Friday, January 2, Rev. J. Doner Lee read very appropriate scripture from II Samuel 3:38: "...know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day..." Clifton Turpin's body is buried in the Falcon Cemetery, but his spirit lives on. The effects of his ministry live on in the lives of thousands of people around the world because he was a bearer of the gospel message of Jesus Christ. It is because of such people as the Turpins that my life has been influenced to Christian service.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints in our hearts and we are never, ever the same.

Thank you, Clifton and Janice Turpin, for the footprints you have left in my heart.

HUMOR YOUR WM MEETING...

"The most wasted day of all is that when we have not laughed."

– Chamfort

One of the keys to successful WM meetings is a sense of community, and nothing bonds like shared humor. Evidenced in a number of psychological studies monitoring group dynamics, laughter can break down defenses and provide common ground for more self-disclosure within groups of people. Laughter also releases pent-up emotions and affords people the opportunity to forget their worries. Some ideas for building relationships with giggles in your group are:

- Draw pictures. At one meeting ask everyone to do a portrait of their personality; then in a spirit of not taking themselves seriously, show everyone's art and award prizes to the best pieces.
- Share a flash from the past. Ask everyone to bring their high school graduation picture (or picture from their younger days) to meeting. Out-of-date clothing and hair styles get everyone laughing as you reveal how you have changed...or not. Share stories about some embarrassing moments of the teen years. This will keep people chuckling and allow you to be vulnerable with one another.
- Have a costume night. Encourage each person to be very original. Have each one explain her costume.

Use discernment. A joke or story understood by only a few people in your group can do more harm than good. So can humor at someone else's expense. The key to injecting humor is making it fun for all.

(These ideas were lifted from an article by Michael Mack in the July/August 1996 VIRTUE Magazine.)

FOCUS ON THE WORD...

The Pentecostal Holiness Sunday school literature for January and February is focused on the Word of God. Perhaps this is a good time for us to examine our priorities in regard to the time we spend in God's Word. It seems that, even with all the modern conveniences we have today, our time is so limited. Often we postpone the reading of God's Word – and then we realize we have canceled it from our daily schedule. We might find ourselves choosing to read other books before reading the Bible. However, we should let the reading of the Guidebook of Life supersede the reading of any other. If we have to make a choice, let that choice be God's Word rather than man's word.

The following poem might speak to some of us as well:

The Bible and The TV Guide

On the table side by side,
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well worn but cherished with pride
(Not the Bible, but the TV Guide).
One is used daily to help folk decide.
No! It isn't the Bible. It's the TV Guide.
As pages are turned, what shall they see?
Oh, what does it matter – turn on the TV!
So they open the book in which they confide
(No, not the Bible; it's the TV Guide.)
The Word of God is seldom read
Maybe a verse e'er they fall into bed
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be;
Not from reading the Bible, from watching TV.
So then back to the table, side by side,
Is the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer; no time for the Word.
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.
Forgiveness of sin so full and free
Is found in the Bible...not on TV!

MARRIAGE IS WORK...

"Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud or rude. Love isn't selfish, or quick-tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. Love never fails." (The CEV Bible)

Marriage is a hot topic in the Christian Community today. With divorce levels on the rise, even among Christians, help is needed. Really, the best of marriages need help and assistance.

North Carolina Women's Ministries has a great video series, *Making the Most of Your Marriage*, which is available as a resource for use in your local church. This video series is for anyone who is interested in a "marital checkup." Whether you have been married for many years or just a few, whether remarried or engaged, couples will benefit from this valuable resource. The series includes four sessions of approximately 30 minutes each.

Session titles are:

Video I	What Happens After the Wedding? What Does a Strong Marriage Look Like?
Video II	Top Ten Marriage Killers Top Ten Marriage Builders

Dr. Maxwell includes information such as why marriages deteriorate, communication stoppers, and the four stages of a bad marriage, as well as an opportunity to renew your commitment to each other.

Pastors, Men's Fellowship Directors, Local WM Directors – you do not have to be a marriage counselor to lead this study. In addition to the videos, a LEADER'S GUIDE, STUDENT WORKBOOK, and overheads are available for your use. Rental fee is just $5 for each video, plus shipping.

To rent the videos, contact:

Mrs. Janice Marshburn
5389 Richlands Highway
Jacksonville, NC 28540
(910) 324-4388

MARRIAGE SHOULD BE A DUET...
WHEN ONE SINGS, THE OTHER CLAPS.

...Joe Murray

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

MONTHLY REVITALIZATION MEETING

Director Thompson is meeting monthly with a group of about 25 pastors and church leaders in a Revitalization Forum. The group is presently reviewing Dr. Owen C. Weston's *Church Analysis Workbook*.

The purpose of the meeting is to meet together for prayer, reflecting, and training toward the goal for revival and church renewal. The meetings are in the third year. Anyone may attend.

The next scheduled meetings are as follows:

February 19	*Wilson First*	*7 p.m.*
March 19	*New Bern First*	
April 16	*Place To Be Announced*	
May 14	*Place To Be Announced*	
June 18	*Place To Be Announced*	
July 9	*Graduation Banquet*	

Those desiring more information should contact the Evangelism Office. CEUs are earned for each meeting (2 to 3 hours).

NEW HISPANIC COORDINATOR

Rev. John Parker has been named coordinator for the Hispanics within the Conference. Brother Parker has retired from full-time missions work; more information is forthcoming. He will make several missions teaching trips per year. In his role as Hispanic Coordinator, Brother Parker will work very closely with Director Thompson. He will assist in planting new Hispanic churches. He will serve as an advisor for the Hispanic pastors. One of his roles will be helping to train the Spanish-speaking ministers. His assistance has already been invaluable in these areas. He is known and loved by all the Hispanic pastors and churches. He has already visited and preached in most of our Hispanic churches. Welcome aboard, Brother Parker.

LA ROCA, TARBORO

The La Roca Church, Tarboro, has been experiencing some fantastic growth. In many of their services, they have gone over 300 in attendance. Pastor Manuel Castaneda announces that the church has approved a building expansion.

Pastor Manuel Castaneda announces that the new building will hold nearly 500 Hispanic worshipers. He laughingly has shared that this will be 300 Anglo believers. He and his church are doing a fantastic job in evangelism.

A loan has been approved by the Conference Loan Committee and Conference Board. However, before the loan can be finalized, they must raise funds for a new septic system. Presently $2,000 has been pledged. Another $4,000 to $5,000 is needed. Funds may be sent to the Conference Evangelism Department and earmarked La Roca, Tarboro.

The La Roca Church owns their own building and land near the Brentwood Church, Tarboro. The Lord has blessed them, and they have worked very diligently.

KEY MAN TRAINING

The Evangelism Department is co-sponsoring with the Men's Ministry the Promise Keepers' Key Man Training.

The dates and locations of upcoming sessions are:

February 21 – Kinston First

March 14 – Falcon,Conference Cafeteria/ Training Center

Each meeting will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every pastor should bring his key men. The program will be the same for each meeting.

N.C. Conference World Missions Meals

FACT SHEET

1998

PURPOSE: Primary — To say thank you to all those responsible for making 1997 a miraculous year for World Missions support.

Secondary — To award the Stars to churches for 1997 support and to present the 1998 Program of Work.

INVITED GUESTS: Pastors and Spouses, Local Missions Directors and Spouses, Ministers/Mission Workers and Spouses, Certain Invited Guests.

SPECIAL SPEAKER: Rev. M. Donald Duncan, Executive Director of World Missions

LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES

Thursday, February 5	11 a.m.	Golden Corral – Wilmington, New Center Dr. – Off College Rd.
	7 p.m.	Ryan's Steakhouse – Lumberton – I-95
Friday, February 6	11 a.m.	Cobb Restaurant – Williamston, JCT Hwys 17, 13, & 64
	7 p.m.	Conference Cafeteria/Training Center – Falcon Campgrounds
Monday, February 9	11 a.m.	Ryan's Steakhouse – Raleigh-Garner – Hwy 401 across from K-Mart & Wal-Mart
	7 p.m.	Western Sizzlin' – Rocky Mount, Hwy 301N (Bypass)
Tuesday, February 10	11 a.m.	Ryan's Steakhouse – Greenville, Hwy 11
	7 p.m.	Wilbur's BBQ – Goldsboro, US 70 East
Wednesday, February 11	11 a.m.	Golden Corral – Morehead City – Hwy 70 & Arendell
	7 p.m.	Hispanic Meeting – Ernie's Buffet – Hwy 421 – Dunn
Thursday, February 12	11 a.m.	Bill's BBQ – Wilson – Jct Downing & Forest Hill Road
	7 p.m.	Berne Restaurant – New Bern – Jct Glenburnie & Neuse Blvd.
Friday, February 13	11 a.m.	Ernie's Buffet – Dunn – Hwy 421

SPECIAL NOTE: 1998 has been targeted as a special year in the promotion of World Missions. It is the year that the Conference was scheduled to go over one million in World Missions support. In order to get the word out, a Missions Meal has been scheduled this year for each of the 13 districts. However, invited personnel can still attend the missions meal of **choice** and **convenience**. The program will be the same for each meeting.

Participants should pre-register with the Conference Office.

Celebrate *Retired Ministers' Day* on Sunday, March 22, 1998

"Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me."

Psalm 101:6

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Christian Education Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - November 1997

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	604	----	630	516
Kinston First	634	----	282	----	321	268
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	203	----	100	80
Tarboro First	214	----	187	----	185	178
The Capital	350	----	176	----	170	226
Mt. Carmel	344	----	174	----	182	131
The First	360	----	171	----	----	160
Clinton	302	----	159	----	225	146
Greenville First	240	----	156	----	80	86
Gospel Tabernacle	558	15	148	14	429	337
Stedman	280	----	147	----	251	119
Shiloh	284	49	139	45	187	89
Wilson First	160	----	135	----	75	90
St. Pauls	176	----	132	----	132	126
Chadbourn	220	----	130	----	174	110
Whitley	269	----	129	----	248	197
Grace Family Fellowship	207	----	115	----	189	168
Harvest Temple	169	65	114	47	130	72
Peniel	261	----	113	----	109	48
Lumberton	322	14	112	10	140	82
Graham Memorial	100	----	111	----	90	106
Bizzell Grove	163	40	110	33	80	48
Belfast	135	----	109	----	106	63
Williamston	146	15	108	----	107	93
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	104	16	169	77
Smyrna	106	----	103	----	101	62
Harkers Island	133	----	102	----	67	45
Evangel	210	19	101	15	117	55
Brentwood	135	----	100	----	150	147
Bethany	155	5	95	26	109	48
Benson	167	48	92	21	140	94
St. Paul	156	----	90	----	40	----
Wallace	228	----	88	----	67	83
Millennium	142	36	79	34	90	65
St. John	127	----	----	----	37	37
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	78	----	----	----
Baywood	120	----	76	----	58	74
Hope Mills	150	----	75	----	----	34
Stantonsburg	102	----	73	----	----	----
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	70	----	140	----
Roper	94	----	----	----	89	61
Hobgood	100	----	69	----	----	----
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	----	----	140	50
New Bern First	126	----	68	----	97	55
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	67	----	86	53
Westview	109	----	66	----	103	47
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	65	----	----	6
Sanford First	94	----	----	----	49	50
Maranatha	81	----	64	----	50	82
Nakina	82	----	63	----	----	10
Emmanuel	97	----	----	----	60	63
Boardman	210	----	----	----	201	31
Hollands Chapel	71	----	61	----	30	23
Sharon	99	1	----	1	43	27
Mount Olive (GD)	80	----	----	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	132	----	60	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	168	19	59	22	91	----
Kenly	107	----	----	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	108	----	58	----	83	38
Trenton	----	----	----	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	134	----	54	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	----	----	142	35
Elizabethtown	100	----	52	----	65	50
Tyndall Grove	75	----	51	----	30	17
Bridgeton	84	----	----	----	23	12
Hamilton	83	----	----	----	----	----
Rehoboth	139	----	50	----	60	----
Midway	110	----	----	----	84	39
Ebenezer	59	----	48	----	45	34
Bethel	86	----	----	----	----	----
Reelsboro	100	57	47	50	60	36
Thomas Chapel	123	----	----	----	66	30
Winterville	69	----	----	----	----	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	46	----	14	14
Goshen	79	----	----	----	36	31
Ayden	47	----	----	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	----	----	59	17
Black Creek	55	----	45	----	----	----
Higher Ground	104	----	----	----	59	34
Selma	73	----	----	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	84	----	44	----	----	----
Friendship WD	96	----	----	----	64	48
Trinity CD	68	----	43	----	----	----
Holly Hill	98	----	43	----	72	25
Snow Hill	67	----	42	----	----	----
Warsaw	77	----	----	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	----	----	65	28
Calvary LD	53	----	41	----	----	----
Spring Hope	51	----	----	----	49	36
Tabernacle	58	----	40	----	33	23
Faith GD	80	----	----	----	60	----
Living Waters	73	----	39	----	89	39
Niagara	155	----	----	----	33	16
Shelmerdine	55	----	----	----	42	46
Shiloh	91	----	----	----	----	----
Westmoreland	143	----	38	----	93	45
Jacksonville	76	----	----	----	30	23
Eastside	201	----	37	----	----	----
Lowland	34	----	34	----	----	----
Aberdeen	80	----	----	----	75	24
Grace Community	46	----	33	----	43	27
Jones Grove	42	----	----	----	----	----
Sneads Ferry	----	----	----	----	----	20
Gethsemane	154	----	----	----	----	16
Scotland Neck	53	----	32	----	28	27
The Genesis	----	----	----	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	----	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	----	----	----	----
Penderlea	----	----	30	----	----	----
Faith WD	64	135	29	118	----	----
Garland	64	----	----	----	----	----
Albritton	73	23	29	20	42	23
Vaughns Chapel	47	----	----	----	----	----
Bailey	34	----	----	----	19	17
Spring of Living Water	46	----	----	----	36	27
New Covenant	46	18	27	19	28	19
Abbottsburg	56	----	----	----	25	16
St. Matthew	73	----	----	----	----	----
Trinity RMD	65	----	----	----	60	13
Vanceboro	35	----	26	----	----	----
Sonlight	30	----	----	----	22	21
Heritage	56	----	25	----	46	26
New Vision	57	----	----	----	----	15
Hopewell	----	----	24	----	----	20
Oak Ridge	64	----	23	----	28	20
Sims	49	----	----	----	----	----
Graceway Fellowship	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	79	----	22	----	----	----
Cedar Point	45	----	21	----	19	16
Wades Point	56	----	----	----	----	----
Grifton	74	----	20	----	31	14
Independence	39	----	----	----	----	----
New Hope	27	----	----	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	50	----	----	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	19	----	----	----
Abundant Life	16	----	18	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	----	----	20	13
Merritts Chapel	58	----	17	----	----	----
Alliance	43	----	----	----	42	----
Middlesex	17	----	16	----	----	----
Clayton	30	6	15	6	----	----
Global Outreach Ministries	26	---	14	----	10	7
Vicks Chapel	17	----	13	----	----	----
Belhaven	20	----	12	----	----	----
Wakelon	13	----	11	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	36	----	----	----	----	----
Alert	55	----	----	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	10	----	19	----
Swanquarter	9	----	9	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	7	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	5	----	----	----
Plymouth	23	----	----	----	----	----
Windsor	13	8	----	15	----	----
New Life	40	----	----	----	----	----
Total:	18397	598	9555	512	8713	6015
Average:	124	31	62	18	85	58
Count:	148	----	154	----	102	103

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"The Blessed Hope" (p. 2)

He is not here, but is risen: remember ... Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Matthew 24:6, Acts 1:11

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

THE BLESSED HOPE

"We believe in the imminent, personal, premillennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and love and wait for his appearance." This is the Article of Faith listed as number 13 in ***The Manual*** of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. However, this is not just theory or supposition. It is a vital fact of our faith. We love and look for the return of our Lord at any moment. Amid all the other emphases of the day in church growth, prophecies, and spiritual warfare, we must not forget the blessed hope of the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. These other emphases are not to be despised or ignored. We must never lose sight of the glorious fact that Jesus Christ our Lord could, at any moment, be our coming King in immediate reality.

With that in mind, I write this article:

There was once a farmer by the name of William Miller. He lived in the nineteenth century and began a particular strain of religion. One of the notorious marks of his religion was an intense belief that Jesus Christ will return. He was known for setting dates for the return of the Lord. He and his followers, known as Millerites, often met for camp meetings, revivals, etc. During one of these meetings, a date was set for the Lord to return. The Millerites decided that they would rally around this prediction regardless of public reaction.

The date was announced. Jesus would return between March 21, 1842, and March 21, 1843. During that particular year, they were to prepare themselves for the arrival of our Lord. He was sure to come during that time. But He didn't. Disappointment swept through the Millerite crowd. Though Miller himself seemed unchanged and unchallenged by the failure of his prediction, he simply said he had miscalculated. So he sharpened his pen and refigured the details and proceeded to set another date. The announcement was made on August 12, 1844, that Jesus would come between October 20 and October 22 of 1844. Mr. Miller told his people, "Get ready for the end of the world."

The time drew near for October 20 through 22, and a sign was noticed on a Philadelphia store window:

> This shop will be closed in honor of the King of Kings who will appear about the 20th of October. Get ready friends, to crown Him Lord of all.

Some 200 Millerites sold or gave away their possessions and prepared their wardrobe for the soon coming King of Kings. They gathered and waited in white robes for His coming. And they waited, and they waited, and they waited. October 20 came and passed them by. Also the 21st, the 22nd, and of course the 23rd. Five years later, William Miller died. I think perhaps the wisest statement that was ever made by Millerites was put on his tombstone. It reads, "At the appointed time the end shall be." I think they finally had arrived at some good theology. Not on March 21, 1842, or October 20, 1844, not on March 15, 1998, or even the first day of the year 2000, but at the appointed time the end shall be.

It may not be when you or I think it might be. It may not even be as soon as you and I think it might be. Chances are good it will be sooner than most anticipate, but, again I repeat, no one can say when. To put it bluntly, date setters are out of date. They don't know what they're talking about. They always been out of date. They always will be. No one knows for sure. But there are a couple of things we do know. We can be sure of both.

The first thing we can know is that He certainly is coming again. He said so. I believe it. The second thing is, we can know that we are prepared to meet Him by having our names inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Titus 2:13 instructs us, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Hope! The late Dr. B. R. Lakin said, "Hope is well-founded, well-grounded expectation for the future." That's a good definition of hope. We might ask why is there such a lack of emphasis on the return of our Lord to catch away His waiting bride? I think that over emphasis on the sooness rather than the certainty and blessedness of His return is one of those problems that causes lack of teaching on this subject. Date setting was noted early in this century. Back in 1936 I understand that some were predicting that He would come within five years. Some even went so far, when I was a child growing up in eastern North Carolina, that they could tell who the

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anti-christ is. And then, the restoration of the nation of Israel has figured into the calculations of so many.

Recent attempts at date setting have been embarrassing. Edgar Whisenant's ***88 Reasons Why The Rapture Will Be In 1988*** is an example. Mr. Whisenant may have been honest, but he was wrong. He said September 14 was the day. He caused quite a stir, even among some believers. When Jesus did not return on September 14, 1988, Mr. Whisenant simply noted that he'd made a mistake, then he adjusted to the same date, 1989. He was wrong. All such attempts will always be wrong. A third reason I think there's a lack of emphasis on the return of our Lord is the average Christian is more concerned about living a comfortable lifestyle than he or she is about the rapture of the Bride of Christ.

However, our Lord Jesus Christ said in John 14:3, "I will come again." Charles Tolson, in his book, *Against The Night,* said, "The time smells of sunset".

There are at least 318 references in scripture about the second coming of our Lord. One verse out of every 25 in the New Testament alludes to His coming. The second coming of Christ is mentioned some eight times more than His first advent.

I want to give you four reasons why Jesus came the first time. He came, first of all, to reveal the Father. [John 14:9]. Second, He came to destroy the works of the devil. [1 John 3:8]. Third, He came to take away sin. [1 John 3:5]. And fourth, He came to prepare a bride for His return. [Hebrews 9:28]. I want you to note the **sureness** of His coming. We have Jesus' promise in John 14:3. He said, "I will come again." In Acts 1:11 read the words of the angels. They said this same Jesus shall come in like manner as you have seen Him go into glory. In I Thessalonians, chapter 4 verse 16, the Apostle Paul notes, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout." There are many **signs** of His coming. We read of wars, pestilence, and earthquakes in Matthew 24, verses 6 and 7. I Timothy 4:1,2 informs us about an indifference among folk whose conscience has been seared. In James 5 verse 1-9, we see information regarding an amassing of wealth and greediness among the people of the planet Earth. In Matthew 24:14 we read about intensified missionary activities. In Luke 17, verses 26-30, we find a catalog of degrading gross immorality. In Luke 24, 25, 26, the writer talks about panic and perplexity as he records the words of Jesus. In Revelation 13, verses 1 through 18, we read about a central political power that will arise. In Luke 21:24 we read about the Jews return to Palestine.

In addition, we certainly need to notice the **suddenness** of His coming. We're told in I Corinthians 15, verse 51 and 52, that He will come in the twinkling of an eye. In Matthew 24:27, Jesus informs us that He'll come like lightning. Revelation 16:15 marks the fact that He will come as a thief. In Matthew 24:44 we are reminded that most people will not be expecting Him to come. "For in such an hour ye think not the Son of man cometh."

It will be well to notice the **subjects** of His coming. To **whom** will He come? For **whom** is He coming? Who will He catch away? The scriptures inform us readily that only those who are righteous will go with Him. Not righteous in our own eyes or through our own vain efforts, but righteousness that is clothed upon us in the precious blood of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. Those who are caught away will have their bodies glorified. Their redemption will be completed. Their fondest hopes will be realized. Our permanent abode will be solidly fixed. Who is the subject of His coming? It's the saint going to be satisfied. Our whole experience of salvation is so precious. We're saved by the grace of God. Sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus; separated by the presence of the Holy Spirit and the sanctified life. We live a life of service on this globe. And when He is through with us here, we will rise in His likeness and be fully satisfied with our heavenly abode. Who is it that He's coming for? He's coming for children who are joint heirs of God in Christ Jesus. We are going to our inheritance. Who is it that He's rapturing? We are servants who have toiled through the heat of the day, and we're coming to our rest at the end of the journey. We're told in the word of God in I Corinthians 15:58 that with all this in mind we are to be steadfast and unmoveable in the work of the Lord. For as much as we know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. In II Timothy, chapter 4 verse 8, Paul reminds us that there's a crown of righteousness laid up for us in the Master's presence. Someone has suggested somewhere in the writings that I have read across the years that we are singing pilgrims who are going home. We're heading for the city of God; the city that has foundations whose builder and maker is the Lord. We're going to the Father's house of many mansions as recorded in John 14:2.

In conclusion we are soul winners who are going to shine. We have heard the call of the master. We have responded with a whole heart and we'll "occupy" till He comes according to the mandate in Luke 19:13. Our text in Titus, printed above in this article, enjoins us to purify ourselves in the blood of Jesus. We are to stand against evil because we're looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are to be on the alert. We must watch and pray [read Mark 13:31-37]. H. L. Turner was right, over a hundred years ago, when he penned the following words:

It may be at morn, when the day is waking,
When sunlight through darkness and shadows
  are breaking
That Jesus will come in the fullness of glory,
To receive from the world His own.
Oh joy! O life! should we go without dying.
No sickness, no sadness, no dread and no crying,
Caught up through the clouds with our Lord
into glory, when Jesus receives His own.

You ask me why I believe in Jesus' return. Because this blessed hope has become a vital force in my life. It has been so for the vast majority of my life. It shall be for the remainder of my sojourn here. Until He comes we will fight the good warfare against sin and evil. We will witness and be used of the Holy Spirit to win others to Christ. We will edify each other in the faith as we serve in the body of Christ. Until He comes we will be faithful to declare the whole Word of God and be used to build His kingdom here on earth as He enables us.

Are you looking for the Lord Jesus to come at any moment? If so, the blessed hope is an integral part of your life.

CHURCH NEWS

GROUNDBREAKING FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BUILDING

December 7, 1997

The Genesis Pentecostal Holiness Church

The Genesis Church thanks you so much for your help. The building is ordered, and the loan has been approved.

Vernon Potter, Pastor

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES

The North Carolina Conference announces that Reverend Doug Bartlett is available to preach as needed for absent pastors, for special services, and for revivals on a limited basis. Brother Bartlett has nearly fifteen years of experience in ministry, which includes pastoral, evangelistic, missionary, music, and teaching ministry. He is also proficient in Spanish and would be available for Hispanic services. Brother Bartlett may be reached by contacting:

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SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Rev. H. M. Parson . . . . . March 1
Rev. Joseph Guthrie . . . . . March 6
Rev. Robert Overton . . . . . March 18
Rev. Cullen Gurganus . . . . . March 21
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard . . . . . March 24
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown . . . . . March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart . . . . . March 29

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA

The month of March marks the end of winter and brings to us the beauty of spring. The barren trees now begin to bud out. The branches that have appeared lifeless now come alive with color. The birds return to inhabit the boughs. The grass turns green. Daffodils bloom. Although everything has seemingly been on hold for a season, God just breathes anew the breath of life into nature.

It is miraculous what is accomplished when God breathes on earth. We can look back to the account of the creation to see the wonder God wrought. It is especially awesome to me that God took dust from the ground, formed man from it, and then simply breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. By this act, man became a living soul.

Several years ago in our GEMS program at Holly Hill church, we had a certified CPR instructor hold a special training meeting for our girls and sponsors. We all listened intently to the teaching and then had the opportunity to practice on a mannequin. We followed the instructions and did all the right things; but, try as we may, we were unable to breathe life into that mannequin.

Some time after taking that course, I saw this practice put into use in an actual emergency. I had an appointment at the local high school that afternoon. In approaching the school, I saw a panic stricken group of people running toward a student who had just been hit by a car. I pulled my car to the roadside; and by the time I got out, the physical education teacher had started administering CPR to Mike. In just a few minutes, Philip McCandless, who is an EMT in the local rescue squad, arrived. Without hesitation, he knelt down over Mike's body and began the procedure to try to resuscitate him. I watched Philip labor diligently to restore breath to this precious young man. He continued the procedure as Mike was placed inside the rescue vehicle for transport to the hospital. But ... it was too late. There was no life there. Philip knew what to do and worked tirelessly to do it; but, even with his best effort, he could not breathe life back into Mike's body.

I will never forget that scene. I will never forget the impact that Philip's intense efforts made on me. You see, I have a lot of confidence in Philip. I have known him for most of his life. His father, Rev. James McCandless, pastored our church when he was a little boy. Philip is now a deacon at Holly Hill Church. He gives untold hours of his time to his church and his community. He is very sincere in everything he does. Through sweat and tears, he tried with all his might to restore life to this young body; but it was beyond his power to do so.

I have thought a lot about what happened that day. I see a profound spiritual lesson therein. Often we try so hard, by natural means, to bring life to programs and activities. We labor tirelessly and put great effort in trying to make them work. We initiate special events. We make a plea for more funding. We build nice facilities trying to attract people. We put our best energy into the work. Yet, we seem to get nowhere.

I am fully convinced that only God can breathe spiritual life into our efforts. In recent months I have truly prayed that God would help me not to make plans and then seek His blessings on my plans. Instead I am seeking for God's plan; for when His plan is in place, it will have His blessing. I want to be more open and sensitive to the breath of God.

Just as the trees and grass need the warmth of the springtime sun to begin to come to life again, so do we. As Christians, we go through spiritual winters. Our Women's Ministries may sometimes seem dead and fruitless. We are God's instruments, and it takes human effort to carry on His work on earth. However, without God breathing on us the breath of life, we will never blossom to our full potential as Christian ministers. Let's turn our faces to God in prayer and receive the sunshine of God's anointing. It is only as He breathes on us and on our efforts that we will truly be renewed and able to produce the fullness of His beauty in this world.

SPOTLIGHTING EDNA PARKER

Webster defines a missionary as "a person sent on a mission, especially on a religious mission."

EDNA HARRELL PARKER, along with her husband, John, have recently retired after having been missionaries of the Pentecostal Holiness Church for forty-seven years. Beginning in Costa Rica in 1951, their missionary assignments have taken them to four different continents, requiring them to adjust to numerous cultures and climates.

Volumes could be written about the accomplishments of this outstanding missionary couple. Suffice it to say that we are proud and thankful that they have been such gracious and proficient ambassadors of the Kingdom; representing, first of all, the King of Kings, but also, representing the International Pentecostal Holiness Church at large, and the North Carolina Conference family, in particular.

Edna, a Garland, NC, native, is a multi-talented lady. Not only has she added much "spice" to the lives of fellow missionaries and coworkers, she has also shared the same vibrant spirit here at home as she has spoken for various ministry groups and women's conferences. Edna and John are not actively involved in the development of Hispanic ministry in the NC Conference.

Keeping much of her book, JUST ME, on the light side, Edna has enabled her readers to view the life of a missionary from a slightly different, although most enjoyable, perspective. If you haven't read it, I recommend that you order one from her (Cost $11 plus postage). She would also be a good person for an interesting program or missions service. Her address is 710 Westbrook Avenue, Dunn, NC 28334.

We are happy to shine the Missions Spotlight on EDNA PARKER and say thanks to her for a beautiful life given to winning souls for Jesus Christ.

Submitted by Sue Parker
NCWM Vice-Director & Director of Missions

TRY THIS IDEA

The following is a portion of a note received by Linda Thomas from Janice Bass, newly elected WM Director of Wilson First Church.You might like to try this idea.

We are very excited about the term before us. On January 14, which was our regular meeting night, we had

an Open House and invited every lady who had ANY contact with our church, member or non. There were 107 invitations mailed, and we had 60 to 70 ladies and girls present. It was a wonderful time and, we feel, a huge success. Our purpose was to introduce everyone to all that the Women's Ministries is about and encourage all women of all age groups to take part. We have many new women in our church, so we felt it necessary to have our first meeting of the year be informal yet informative. Each committee prepared a booth which displayed interesting facts and duties of the committee. We encouraged ladies to volunteer to serve on the committee which most interested them. It was a time of food, fellowship, door prizes, encouragement, information, and fun for all.

NEW FROM GEMS...

Debbie Hawley and her husband, Pastor Tony Hawley.

Debbie Hawley, GEMS Coordinator at Stantonsburg PH Church, prepares for PIE-IN-THE-FACE!! The GEMS had a contest to raise funds for Harvest Train. Debbie promised to let them smash a pie in her face if they raised $100. After the GEMS raised $181.73, she was true to her promise. Her husband, Tony, is pastor of the church and was given the job of "pie-ing" Debbie. (Does he look a little smug, or what??)

HOLLY HILL GEMS

Holly Hill GEMS pose with Ms. Anita Beiry of The Royal Home, after enjoying a program and presenting "shower" gifts to her for the Alternative to Abortion Ministry. Mrs. Linda Thomas, GEMS Coordinator at Holly Hill, introduced Ms. Beiry to the group by saying, "The ATAM program is a positive approach to the problem of abortion. This ministry is a part of the solution. We are blessed to be

Anita Beiry – far left. Erica Young, Betsy McCandless, Crystal Morris, Emily Wealard, Emily Jamieson, Jessica Barrow, Erin Jamieson, Heather Morris, Melissa Ipock.

Erica Young

able to share in this outreach." Ms. Beiry shared the ministry of the home with those present and received the items which had been brought for use at The Royal Home. Erica Young won the door prize, a Choose Life T-shirt, which she models in front of the gift table.

INTERCESSION - MOVE AS HE MOVES...

While reading John 5:7, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart concerning intercession. I read, "Sir, I have no man, WHEN THE WATER IS TROUBLED, to put me into the pool."

I saw myself as an instrument God wants to use in the ministry of intercession. I visualized broken and lame friends and relatives who are too tired or discouraged to move on their own strength. The Holy Spirit revealed to me that, as He stirs my Spirit, I am to be the woman to lift my broken loved ones and place them in the pool of the sweet healing presence of my Lord.

The key is that I must move when He moves. While washing dishes or vacuuming, I must be willing to lay the dishcloth down or turn the vacuum cleaner off at that very moment and lay my loved ones boldly before the throne of God. More often than not, I am ashamed to confess, I have procrastinated and finished my job; thus quenching the Spirit and missing the blessing both for them and for myself.

My prayer is, "God forgive me, and help me to be willing to move as You move," How about you?

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Board Member & Director of Intercession

STRESS OR REST ...

This was the theme of the 1998 NCWM Leadership Seminar which was held on Saturday, January 31, at the Family Life Center of The First Church in Goldsboro. Nearly 400 WM leaders from throughout the conference boundaries were in attendance for this day of training. Mrs. Kym Long-Wallace, a professional wellness trainer and daughter of Superintendent and Mrs. T. E. Long, presented a series of workshops relative to how our health bears on our overall performance. She addressed diet, exercise, recognizing stressful situations, and knowing how to deal with stress in a positive manner. In addition to the workshops, Mrs. Sylvia Long gave a beautiful devotion to start the day. The ladies enjoyed the very nice door prizes which Patsy Deese had collected from merchants in Morehead City.

Hats off to the WM ladies of The First Church for a great job as hostesses for this event. They furnished morning refreshments and prepared the lunches.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

1998 WORLD MISSIONS GOALS

Global Outreach $200,000.00
People to People $100,000.00
Missions & USA Evangelism.....$1,100,000.00

The Conference is entering into the heart of the Annual Global Outreach Promotions. Several promotional items are available at the Conference Office — coin folders, day's wage folders, etc. These items work.

JOHN AND EDNA PARKER "MR. & MRS. MISSIONARY OF THE N.C. CONFERENCE"

John and Edna Parker have been given the title "Mr. & Mrs. Missionary of the North Carolina Conference." Brother Parker has officially retired as of December 31, 1997. (Mrs. Edna Parker had retired earlier.) However, he will continue to make several teaching trips overseas a year. In addition he has been designated as the Hispanic Co-ordinator of the N.C. Conference. In this position, he will assist Director Thompson in the development of Hispanic Ministries within the Conference.

John B. Parker was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on June 5, 1927, and lived there until he finished high school. He attended Holmes College of the Bible from 1944-1947, graduating with a Th.B. He was licensed as a minister in 1945 and pastored the P.H. Church in Bethel, North Carolina, from 1947-1951. While pastoring, John attended East Carolina University where he earned a B.S. degree in English and Social Studies and an M.A. degree in American History and Political Science.

John's mother had quickened his interest in mission from an early age. The call became more definite during his first year at Holmes. John married Edna Harrell who shared a call to China. Since China was closed to missionaries because of communist revolution, they volunteered to go any place they were needed. On Christmas Day, 1951, they left for San Jose, Costa Rica, to begin a missionary career that has now spanned five decades and extended to scores of countries.

While attending language school, John was also working closely with missionary Amos Bradley to pioneer the P.H. Church in Costa Rica. During his 23 years there, he was involved in church planting, conference administration, and ministerial training.

From 1974 to 1978, John served as instructor and Dean of the School of Religion at Southwestern College of Christian Ministries.

In 1978, John was appointed as General Supervisor of the Pentecostal Holiness work in Asia. He and Edna moved to Hong King, right to the doorstep of China. God had been faithful to take them to the land of their original calling. During their eight year stay in Hong Kong, they were involved in outreach ministry into China.

In 1986, John accepted a new assignment as Vice President and instructor at the Pentecostal Bible Institute in Santiago, Chile.

Then, in 1988, John was appointed as the General Supervisor of the P.H. work in Europe and the Middle East. John served in this capacity until 1993.

Since that time, John has been serving on special assignment as a mission field instructor. You might find him teaching at CICM in London one month and at the Costa Rican Bible Institute the next month. To stay abreast of the latest missions trends and strategies, he has been involved in proficiency studies at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, and Columbia College and Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina.

John and Edna have one son, David, and two grandchildren, Ryan and Jennifer. David serves as Vice President of the Extension Loan Fund for the Pentecostal Holiness Church and is married to the former Irvina Smith.

John and Edna have set up housekeeping on four different continents since their marriage in 1949. John is truly gifted as a missionary-teacher.

Brother Parker is available for services. In addition to preaching and missions promotions he is available to teach several subjects in the local church. Some are:

1. False Cults
2. How to Spark Revival Fires
3. The Book of Romans
4. Sanctification — God's Call to Holiness
5. Spiritual Gifts — Equipment for Service

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6. Minor Prophets
7. Spiritual Warfare — God's Answer to Satan's Challenge

Praise the Lord for the ministry of John & Edna Parker.

KEY MAN TRAINING

Our first Key Man Training was held at the Grace Family Fellowship Church, Robersonville. It was a great day! Jack Kelley and Jack Mundy did a fantastic job. Some 38 men were present. God anointed and blessed the day.

Kinston First is scheduled for the Key Man Training for February 21. Other days are scheduled for March 14, Falcon and May 16, Glad Tidings, Morehead City. Both events begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue to 1:00 p.m.

Pastors should bring their key men leaders to this training. They will never be the same! Participants should call the Conference Evangelism office to register.

LOCAL CHURCH ARCHIVIST TRAINING

The Conference is sponsoring a training event on Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. for local church historians. Dr. Harold Hunter, Oklahoma City, is the invited speaker. Dr. Hunter is the archivist for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Anyone may attend the event. Pastors and local historians are encouraged to attend.

We must preserve our heritage. We can only move forward as we understand our past.

WORLD EVANGELISM RALLIES

Dr. Ronald Carpenter is the invited speaker for the Spring World Evangelism Rallies. Brother Carpenter serves as the Executive Director for Evangelism USA, based out of Oklahoma City. He is originally from Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The rallies also serve as the District Conference of the year. Ministers and church delegates should be present. The purpose of the rallies is to pray and promote the cause of evangelism.

The locations are as follows:

March 30	Monday	Raleigh / Wilson Districts	Shiloh Church
March 31	Tuesday	Morehead City / New Bern Districts	New Bern First
April 2	Thursday	Goldsboro / Greenville Districts	Kinston First
April 6	Monday	Clinton / Fayetteville Districts	Culbreth Memorial
April 7	Tuesday	Lumberton / Wilmington Districts	Wallace
April 9	Thursday	Rocky Mount / Williamston Districts	Tarboro
April 10	Friday	Hispanic District Conference	The Genesis

ARKS MEETING

The Evangelism Ministries is sponsoring a special day of training on Saturday, May 23 for those churches who are considering relocation and / or building expansion. The seminar will be led by Robert Knowles and his staff. Several years ago Robert founded the Arks Ministries. He is the son of our pastor, Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles. The Arks ministries specializes in helping churches properly prepare for building expansion and especially relocation.

The seminar will last from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. It will be a very intensive day of training. Those who attend should be the pastors and key lay leaders of churches who are considering expansion or relocation. A registration fee will be charged. Those interested in attending should contact Director Thompson.

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - December 1997

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	623	----	630	485
Glad Tidings	350	----	308	----	271	200
Kinston First	634	----	291	----	321	268
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	191	----	100	80
The First	360	----	177	----	150	160
Taboro First	214	----	172	----	185	167
Mt. Carmel	349	----	170	----	209	129
The Capital	350	----	164	----	170	223
Greenville First	240	----	159	----	80	86
Stedman	280	----	143	----	251	117
Shiloh	284	49	142	45	187	92
Clinton	324	----	139	----	225	150
Harker's Island	133	----	138	----	67	41
St. Pauls	176	----	137	----	132	118
Chadbourn	220	----	134	----	174	132
Gospel Tabernacle	557	15	132	14	428	379
Grace Family	208	----	131	----	190	148
Fellowship	----	----	----	----	----	----
Wilson First	160	----	127	----	75	65
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	121	16	169	61
Whitley	269	----	120	----	248	130
Harvest Temple	169	65	118	47	130	80
Bizzell Grove	163	40	115	30	80	40
Peniel	261	----	113	----	109	48
Lumberton	322	14	109	9	140	85
Graham Memorial	116	----	107	----	106	99
Smyrna	106	----	106	----	101	75
Williamston	154	15	103	10	107	95
Evangel	210	19	103	18	117	57
Belfast	138	----	102	----	106	61
Brentwood	135	----	100	----	150	149
Bethany	155	5	97	22	109	45
Benson	167	48	91	20	140	94
St. Paul	156	----	86	----	40	52
Wallace	229	----	----	----	68	98
Baywood	120	----	83	----	58	75
Gateway	150	----	----	----	79	70
St. John	127	----	82	----	35	55
Roper	101	----	81	----	96	68
Millennium	142	36	79	35	90	58
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	78	----	53	35
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	77	----	86	60
Hope Mills	150	25	75	22	80	34
Maranatha	82	----	73	----	50	86
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	----	----	140	51
Westview	109	----	72	----	103	44
Grace	210	----	70	----	140	----
Hobgood	100	----	69	----	15	13
Taylors Chapel	132	----	67	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	102	----	----	----	31	31
Mt. Olive (GD)	80	----	66	----	10	6
Kenly	108	----	----	----	10	8
New Bern First	126	----	----	----	97	43
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	65	----	7	6
Emmanuel	97	----	----	----	60	55
Hollands Chapel	71	----	64	----	30	22
Broadman	210	----	63	----	201	28
Sanford First	94	----	62	----	49	50
Brocks Chapel	168	19	61	20	91	49
Moores Chapel	108	----	----	----	83	42
Sharon	99	1	59	1	43	30
Trenton	157	----	58	----	25	21
Reelsboro	100	57	57	43	60	37
Nakina	82	----	----	----	14	15
Tyndall Grove	75	----	55	----	30	19
Midway	110	---	52	---	84	40
Bridgeton	84	----	----	----	23	15
Black Creek	55	----	----	----	----	----
Manley's Grove	136	----	----	----	----	----
Ebenezer	59	----	51	----	45	35
Hamilton	83	----	----	----	----	----
Elizabethtown	100	----	50	----	65	39
Rehoboth	139	----	----	----	60	----
Hodges Chapel	87	----	----	----	----	----
Thomas Chapel	126	----	49	----	66	27
Winterville	73	----	----	----	48	17
Thunder Swamp	89	----	48	----	11	11
Holly Hill	98	----	----	----	72	25
Wilmington	142	----	47	----	142	35
Goshen	79	----	----	----	36	31
Selma	73	----	46	----	----	----
Friendship WD	96	----	----	----	64	48
Snow Hill	67	----	45	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	44	----	----	----
Spring Home	51	----	43	----	49	43
Warsaw	77	----	----	----	----	----
Niagara	155	----	----	----	33	16
Thompson Chapel	104	----	42	----	59	23
Shiloh	91	----	41	----	62	----
Trinity CD	68	----	----	----	50	----
Calvary LD	53	----	----	----	----	----
Faith GD	80	----	40	----	60	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	----	----	65	30
Tabernacle	58	----	----	----	33	23
Higher Ground	104	----	38	----	59	40
Ayden	47	----	----	----	43	43
Living Waters	73	----	----	----	89	35
Eastside	202	----	37	----	21	----
Shelmerdine	55	----	----	----	41	41
Jones Grove	42	----	36	----	16	----
Faith WD	64	135	----	110	----	----
Jacksonville	76	----	----	----	30	23
Westmoreland	146	----	35	----	96	40
Aberdeen	80	----	34	----	75	12
Gethsemane	154	----	----	----	48	14
Scotland Neck	53	----	33	----	28	29
Trinity RMD	65	----	32	----	60	13
Liberty	44	----	----	----	----	----
Albritton	73	23	----	20	42	22
Bailey	35	----	----	----	19	20
The Genesis	70	----	----	----	12	----
Weldon	66	----	31	----	4	4
Lowland	32	----	31	----	24	----
Sneads Ferry	101	----	30	----	30	15
Vaughans Chapel	47	----	----	----	----	----
Penderlea	30	----	----	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	46	----	29	----	36	27
New Covenant	46	18	----	20	28	14
Vanceboro	32	----	----	----	----	----
Garland	64	----	----	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	28	----	----	----
New Vision	57	----	----	----	25	15
Grace Community	46	----	----	----	45	26
Sonlight	30	----	----	----	22	21
Oak Ridge	64	----	27	----	28	16
Heritage	56	----	26	----	46	22
Church Alive Ministries	25	----	25	----	----	----
Cedar Point	45	----	----	----	26	13
Lamm's Grove	51	---	24	----	----	----
Global Outreach Ministries	26	----	----	----	10	12
Calvary Temple	39	----	----	----	----	----
New Hope	27	----	23	----	----	----
Independence	39	----	----	----	----	----
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	----	----	----	----
New Beginnings	28	----	22	----	----	----
Grifton	41	----	21	----	30	13
Abbottsburg	56	----	----	----	27	19
Red Springs	70	----	20	----	----	----
Alliance	42	----	20	----	42	----
Lyon Memorial	79	----	----	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	19	----	20	30
Hopewell	40	----	----	----	57	22
Merritts Chapel	57	----	----	----	----	----
Wades Point	54	----	----	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	18	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	----	----	19	----
Abundant Life	16	----	16	----	12	----
West Road	15	----	15	----	----	----
Middlesex	17	----	----	----	----	----
Clayton	30	6	14	6	11	----
Vicks Chapel	14	----	13	----	----	----
Wakelon	13	----	12	----	----	----
Belhaven	20	----	----	----	----	----
Trinity NBD	9	----	9	----	----	----
Alert	55	----	----	----	28	----
Swanquarter	9	----	----	----	----	----
Windsor	13	8	8	15	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	----	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	6	----	----	----
Plymouth	23	----	5	----	----	----
New Life	10	----	----	----	----	----
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There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

The angel said ... Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:2, 5, 6. (NIV)

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

DAY WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

[A time of sharing and transparency]

Pastors, evangelists and retirees are welcome; all conference credentialed ministers. Choose the date and location that best suits you. Lunch is dutch treat. Each session will begin at 9:30.

Date	Location	Host Pastor
Monday, April 27	Living Faith Fellowship	W. David Butts
Tuesday, April 28	Pine Level	Robert Ormond
Tuesday, May 26	Falcon/Conference Training Center	
Thursday, May 28	Elizabethtown	Jeff Brown
Tuesday, June 2	St. Paul, Greenville	Allen Mayo
Tuesday, June 9	New Bern First	Greg Long

Bi-Vocational ministers and others who could not attend district meetings will meet with superintendent at the Cafeteria Training Center in Falcon on Saturday, May 13.

Please notify Mrs. Lisa Clifton by April 24 via fax, e-mail, letter or telephone which location you plan to attend. We need to know how to plan for study materials and refreshments.

CONFERENCE OFFICE CLOSED
Memorial Day
Monday, May 25

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION
Saturday, June 6
Culbreth Memorial Auditorium
Falcon

EXAMINING COMMITTEE
Ministers License Candidates
Thursday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.
Cafeteria/Training Center - Falcon

EXAMINING COMMITTEE
Ordination Candidates
Friday, June 5, 9:00
Cafeteria/Training Center - Falcon

* All candidates for June 4 and 5 should have their applications in the conference office by May 15, 1998, in order to ensure that each candidate's file is in order.

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CHURCH NEWS

ANNOUNCING

Conference–wide Day of Fasting and Prayer
Thursday, May 7, 1998

SET ASIDE THIS DAY TO CALL YOUR
CONGREGATION TOGETHER TO FAST AND PRAY
FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH, AREA, STATE, NATION,
AND INTERNATIONAL NEEDS

SECOND ANNUAL PRAYER CONFERENCE
Saturday, May 16, 1998, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location Conference Cafeteria/Training Center
Speaker .....Rev. Kathy Sandlin
W.I.N. Director,
Upper South Carolina Conference

The Conference will consist of four sessions of 45 minutes - 1 hour

Session 1 .....Altar Workers
Session 2 .....Prayer Counseling
Session 3 .....Strategic Level Warfare
Session 4 .....Standing in the Gap
Cost .....$15.00 per person

Cost includes materials and lunch

Four Continuing Education Units will be available to attending ministers.

There will be materials available (books, tapes, etc.) for purchase to the persons and churches in attendance.

FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

Not every Christian is an evangelist, but all can be and should be witnesses for Jesus Christ. Some Christians are good at it and some are not, but all can be trained and equipped. The key is learning to tell their personal story. God's expectation is that all will endeavor to share the gospel news.

The Friendship Evangelism material has been prepared to help all Christians share their faith. It is excellent material centered around six lessons. The material is easily taught and comes with overheads, a teacher's guide, suggestions, a student's textbook, and a gospel track entitled "The Way to Survival." Today, over 3,000 have completed the course. Certificates are available.

Every pastor is encouraged to see that all his people, junior high and up, have been taught the material.

THIS WEEK I'M GOING TO TELL SOMEONE ABOUT JESUS!

For More Information or to order materials, contact:
Men's Ministries
P.O. Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 28305
Phone (910) 323-4777
Fax (910) 485-1050

Emmanuel College is seeking to employ a woman to be residence director for Jackson Hall.

This is a nine month job. This person would be responsible for approximately 94 college women. Please contact Arlon G. Beadles, Dean of Student Development, 706-245-3144 E-mail: abeadles@emmanuel-college.edu

Resumes are being accepted until this position is filled. The starting date is July 1, 1998.

CONFERENCE OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1998

FALCON CAMP MEETING

Sunday Evening, July 19
through
Sunday Evening July 26

Speakers
Rev. W. J. Forehand, *Evangelist*
Rev. Leroy Baker,
Texas Conference Superintendent

QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Thursday and Friday,
July 23 and 24
Culbreth Memorial Auditorium

1998 WORLD EVANGELISM RALLIES

Monday, March30	Shiloh Church, Wilson Raleigh - Wilson Districts
Tuesday, March31	New Bern First New Bern - Morehead City Districts
Thursday, April 2	Kinston First Goldsboro - Greenville Districts
Monday, April 6	Culbreth Memorial, Falcon Clinton - Fayetteville Districts
Tuesday, April 7	Wallace Church Lumberton - Wilmington Districts
Thursday, April 9	Tarboro First Rocky Mount - Williamston Districts
Friday, April 10	The Genesis Church, Wendell Hispanic Conference

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Special Speaker:
DR. RONALD CARPENTER
Assistant General Superintendent
Director of Evangelism USA

Each Rally begins at 7:30 p.m.

This is also District Conference

CEUs may be earned!

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Rev. Samuel Williams . . . . . April 16
Rev. Rodney Knowles . . . . . April 22
Rev. Jettie Parker . . . . . April 24
Rev. Elton Lancaster . . . . . April 27
Rev. Mrs. Georgia Osborne . . . . . April 28

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA

Mirror, mirror on the wall; Who's the fairest of them all?

Most of us probably remember those lines from our childhood story times. The mirror supposedly had supernatural powers to determine and speak as to who was the most beautiful woman in the land. I recall that the person looking in that mirror was desirous of being the fairest of the women in the land. When the mirror responded to her that there was another more beautiful than she, the desire to destroy that one consumed her. It never occurred to her to try to improve her own image – just to destroy the one who was more beautiful.

As Christians, we have a supernatural mirror that determines our spiritual beauty and speaks beck to us. That mirror is the Word of God. As we look into its pages, we see reflected the perfect image of Jesus Christ. As we read His Word and stand in His presence, the reflection that comes back to us is compared to His beauty.

When I look into the mirrors that surround me in this life, I can see the changes that time has made in me. In the natural, age has made visible changes in my reflection. I used to see dark hair, where now it is silver. I used to see a trim figure, where now I see a short, plump one. I used to see smooth skin, where now the wrinkles are forming. My mirror doesn't lie. It reflects exactly what is in front of it.

There are some mirrors that would deceive us. Years ago, I went with our children into a house of mirrors. There were mirrors everywhere. Some made you appear broad. Some caused curvy distortions to appear. Some made short, fat people look tall and thin. I really liked that one. I stood in front of it for quite a while. I remember thinking as I stood there how nice it was to see a reflection that made me look better than I actually was. In the natural, that was a fun little adventure. But when I think of that experience in light of the spiritual, I see great danger. As Christians, we can choose to measure ourselves by the world's reflections. When we do, we actually look pretty good. The flaws in our relationship with God are covered up. The malice in our heart doesn't show. The apathy and unconcern for the things of the Lord do not stand out, for we are looking into a mirror that doesn't reflect that. How cautious we must be that we do not get accustomed to looking into the wrong mirror

Just as we stand in front of the mirror each morning to brush our hair and prepare ourselves to be presentable to the world, we must also stand in front of the mirror of God's Word to prepare ourselves to be presentable unto the Lord. This mirror does not lie... it reflects absolute truth. As we view ourselves in its light, we are able to be changed into something truly beautiful.

II Corinthians 3:18 reads, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." 3:18 (NKJV)

God's Word offers us the opportunity of transformation We can be transformed from the likeness of the world to the likeness of Christ. Just as the wicked witch wanted a positive answer from her mirror, I want a positive answer from God's mirror. I may never be "the fairest of them all," but my goal is to strive to be as close as I possibly can, a reflection of His Word to this world.

WHAT A RETREAT...

Nearly 1,000 women gathered at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel at Research Triangle Park on March 6 & 7 to retreat from the hustle, bustle of their daily lives and spend time together in fellowship and worship. The Friday evening service featured a mini-concert by Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir soloist, Wanda Geddie Brickner, and a powerful sermon delivered by Bishop Barbara M. Amos, pastor of Faith Deliverance Temple in Suffolk, VA. On Saturday morning, the Lifeline Drama Team from The Capital Church in Raleigh ministered through several skits. Wanda Geddie Brickner followed with two sessions of personal testimony, spiritual application and music. A special time of confession and altar prayer was spent as ladies rededicated their lives and renewed their commitments to the Lord. *FRESH ANOINTING* was the theme for the weekend activities and became a reality as the women were ministered to by the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

NCWM Board joins Bishop Barbara Amos and Wanda Geddie Brickner for a photo session following the Friday evening Retreat service at Sheraton Imperial Hotel.

DOLLARS AND SENSE...

It was the mid '70s. My husband was accepting a new pastorate which was available because the current pastor had suffered a heart attack and was retiring. His sickness was just one of many such situations of which I was aware where ministers were sick and in some cases had died. I had never felt so insecure before. What would I do, as a mother of two small boys, if something happened to my husband? We would have no place to live and no salary. Prompted by this anxiety about the future, I decided I had to prepare myself to earn a living apart from my husband's ministry income.

This weighed heavily on my mind for months before I decided to pursue a career in cosmetology. I enrolled in Mitchell's School of Cosmetology. I already had a natural affinity for hairstyling. I knew this was something I could do well. Admittedly, the decision was basically an economic one; however, in the last twenty years of working in hair salons, I have found myself in the surprising and unexpected role of ministry.

Relationships develop between a hairdresser and a customer. As a Christian, I have the opportunity to interject Christ as the solution for the problems of my customers. I can share my faith in Jesus Christ with people who respect me and will listen to my testimony and are, in many cases, willing to believe in Christ for their own needs as a result of our friendship.

As a result of my unique position, I have become in a real sense a minister in my own right. What I started as a job has become, in some cases, a counseling session; in others, a prayer meeting. I have become the close confidant to more than one dying friend. I have laughed and wept with these special people. I have helped plan their memorial services. I have assisted in preparing them for burial by dressing their hair one last time. Most importantly, I have led some to Christ before they died.

I have always made sure my customers leave my shop looking

great; but more important, it has become my goal that they leave feeling better and knowing they have a friend who cares and prays for them.

I have had the joy of sharing baby's first haircut and then watching those children grow to become high school graduates.

Over these years, my job has been a joy. Whether I was providing a hairpiece for a cancer patient in chemo treatment or crying with a wife and mother whose husband just left or comforting a friend whose loved one had died, my job has been a joy, because Christ is using it for His glory.

There is such a broad avenue in the workplace to do ministry. I suspect anyone working outside the home can easily make the transition from the mundane to ministry, from job to joy, from the commonplace to comfort. Christ is looking for both women and men who will supply the raw material, the workplace, for Him to create a viable, meaningful ministry.

Ours is a hurting, disappointing world filled with lonely people in real pain. You can offer at least some of those people a better life. You may be the only chance they have to prepare for eternity.

MAKE YOUR JOB COUNT FOR SOMETHING BESIDES $$$$$$$ DOLLARS $$$$$$$.

Submitted by Phyllis Harrell
NCWM Board Member and
Ministers' Wives Fellowship Liaison

BITS & PIECES FROM CLINTON DISTRICT

Valentine celebrations soared high in the Clinton District this year. Faye Wheeler shares from the Clinton Church WM, "Our Women's Ministries has found a wonderful way to raise funds each year by sponsoring a Valentine Banquet. The church fellowship hall glows festively with candlelight, and each table is adorned with a red cloth and lacy placemats. Ladies prepare the food and serve the tables; their husbands cook steaks to order. Guests enjoy fine musical entertainment while helping themselves to the salad bar and dining on ribeye steak, baked potato, rolls, and homemade cake or pie. Community friends, along with church members, enjoy an evening of pleasant entertainment and fine food in a relaxed atmosphere. Although the dinner is a great deal of work, that one effort funds most of the yearly budget. Aside from the money, fellowship and community relations are great benefits of this event. The annual Valentine Banquet has been a real blessing for the Clinton WM."

In Garland, Jackie Jones says they had a "blast" at their Sweetheart Banquet. Their ladies carried a covered dish supper to their beautifully decorated fellowship hall where they had a fun time of fellowship and games. One unique game tested how much "true love" one had for his/her sweetheart. Maybe Charlotte Sinclair would share some game ideas with us! They had such fun, they are already planning another "blast."

Jodi Wilkins, from the Warsaw WM, reported a great time of fellowship with their Sharing Sister, Tyndall Grove WM, back in the fall. They had 38 ladies present and enjoyed a good program and a good time together.

Lou Alice Fann, of the Sharon WM, shared a neat way they support missions. Once per quarter their ladies prepare a supper and charge $3 per plate with proceeds going to missions. They are also working on their Physical Fitness Program, so they use proper and nutritional foods for their suppers.

Loretta Warren says they had 74 ladies present at Gospel Tabernacle for the January meeting. That is great!!

Recently Lynn Dukes of Peniel WM began the program by asking how many would like a door prize. Several hands went up. Lynn gave a prize to each one who raised a hand. She then asked some very difficult Bible questions and led the ladies to believe that in order to keep a prize, their question must be answered correctly. Some gave incorrect answers and were ready to relinquish the prize. However, Lynn insisted that the prizes be kept anyway. Someone remarked, "But we don't deserve them." It was then that Lynn explained, "That's it! That is like our Heavenly Father. Many times we do not deserve, but He gives." And so He does. He gave His very best for us.

Clinton WM ladies prepare to serve at the annual Valentine Banquet fund-raiser.

I appreciate all the Clinton District ladies from each church. Whether an individual group is large or small, with God, we are a majority. With God, we can make it! By putting our "bits and pieces" together, we make a great team for our wonderful Lord.

Submitted by Joyce Swinson, Clinton District WM Director

Husbands cook the steaks! What would we do without them? Thanks, guys!!

GEMS SHINE BRIGHT

This month we are so mindful of the glory of God. Our hearts fill with thanksgiving for the gift of Christ's life for our own, and we celebrate the awesome power of our Savior's ultimate victory over death and the grave. His earth breaks forth as well with new life and beauty. So, it is especially fitting that we also celebrate another of God's wonderful creations — our GEMS. For some time now, the Master has been polishing, cutting, and perfecting to make each of our girls the priceless, precious jewels He intends. Honor them this month in your church with GEMS Day. Recognize their achievements. Most of all, celebrate them!

St. John GEMS

To all our GEMS:

You are young, and life is beginning in a wonderful way for you. The future reaches its welcoming hand with new, challenging things to do. And here is a prayer for you that you'll walk with God every day, Remembering always in whatever you do, there is only one true, righteous way. Helen Steiner Rice

To our wonderful sponsors:

We appreciate you so much – your dedication, your love, your concern for our girls. Remember that many times you are the "wind beneath their wings." We pray God's anointing and blessings for you as you minister through GEMS. Thank you!

Submitted by Sandra McCandless,
NC Conference GEMS Director

APRIL 19 IS GEMS DAY. HONOR YOUR GEMS DURING GEMS WEEK, APRIL 13-19.

DATES TO REMEMBER

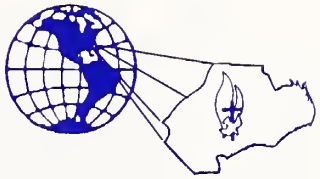
May 7 is National Day of Prayer. Why not organize a prayer chain from your WM group to pray for our nation on that date?

June 6 is NCWM Convention date. Each local WM should send their delegation to take part in this business session and election of NCWM officials for the next four years.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"



HISPANIC CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Conference Board has appointed a special Hispanic Credentialing Committee to assist in the ever expanding Hispanic ministries within the Conference. The chairman will be Rev. John Parker. Assistant Superintendent Thompson will also serve on the committee. The Hispanic members of the committee are Rev. Fernando Angulo (Gospel Tabernacle Hispanic Pastor), Rev. Luis Avila (Greenville First Hispanic Pastor), Rev. Manuel Castaneda (La Roca, Tarboro), and Rev. Francescio Concepcion (Iglesia Genesis Hispana Santidad Pentecostal).

The committee will interview prospective Hispanic ministers and make recommendations to the Conference Board. They will be actively involved in the training and testing procedures of the ministers. Director Thompson and Hispanic Co-ordinator, John Parker, will also use this committee as a planning committee for all Hispanic ministers.

The N.C. Conference presently has four organized Hispanic churches and sixteen Hispanic preaching points. The Conference has seventeen Hispanic ministers. God is at work!

ARKS Training

The Department has arranged with Robert Knowles of the ARKS organization to do a workshop on May 23rd at the Training Center in Falcon – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Robert Knowles is the son of Reverend Pauline and Willy Knowles of Penderlea.

The ARKS organization specializes in helping churches plan for relocation and/or construction of new buildings. This will be an excellent workshop. A thick notebook will be provided. A registration fee of $20.00 will be charged. This will cover lunch, refreshments, notebook, etc. The registration number will be limited to 50 participants.

Those pastors and church boards who are anticipating building or relocating in the future should make every effort to attend. They could save thousands of dollars by attending and many hours of frustration.

Anyone may attend, but those who fit the above categories would be more benefited. **At least SIX CEUs may be earned.**

Those interested in attending should call and register with Secretary Rose Nelson,
(910) 980-1162.

HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY

May 31st has been designated as Home Missions Sunday. Each church is asked to pray for the efforts of revival, church revitalization, and church planting within the Conference.

GLOBAL OUTREACH 1998

Personal Challenge: Director Thompson has issued a personal challenge this year the World Missions Leadership Team - all clergy, and local Missions Directors. The challenge is to give a Day's Wage. Those leaders who give a Day's Wage will be given a globe paper weight for their desk as a remembrance of this faith commitment.

1998 CONFERENCE GOAL — $200,000.00

Past Miracles–
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"GO" Offerings

1993 — $113,235.00
1994 — $126,544.00
1995 — $152,874.00
1996 — $170,441.00
1997 — $187,077.00

GOD IS AT WORK!

Please note these special accomplishments for 1997. May God bless these churches and pastors for their sacrifices and obedience.

GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING 1998

Anointed to Obey

Denominational Goal:

$1,225,000

Have you given a day to prayer and fasting and a day's wage?

HIS COMMISSION, OUR MISSION

TOP TEN PEOPLE TO PEOPLE GIVING

1.	Northwood Temple	Pastor John Hedgepeth	9,655.26
2.	Lumberton First	Pastor Phillip Bland	6,347.00
3.	Lyon Memorial	Pastor Dallas Gurganus	5,448.00
4.	Shiloh (Wilson)	Pastor Ralph Leggett	5,030.00
5.	Ayden	Pastor Gary Webber	4,314.00
6.	The Capital	Pastor Harry Vaughan	3,820.00
7.	Clinton	Pastor David Wheeler	3,774.00
8.	Kinston First	Pastor Bobby Williams	3,244.00
9.	Vanceboro	Pastor Mel House	2,225.00
10.	Hope Mills	Pastor Ken Milliken	2,182.00

TOP TEN TOTAL GIVING

1.	Northwood Temple	Pastor John Hedgepeth	221,984.45
2.	Gospel Tabernacle	Pastor King White	36,476.94
3.	Clinton	Pastor David Wheeler	35,181.59
4.	The Capital	Pastor Harry Vaughan	32,129.92
5.	Shiloh (Wilson)	Pastor Ralph Leggett	29,115.00
6.	Lumberton	Pastor Phillip Bland	27,916.00
7.	Mount Carmel	Pastor Gary Strickland	23,672.00
8.	Benson	Pastor Jimmy Barnhill	22,962.00
9.	Kinston	Pastor Bobby Williams	18,217.23
10.	Greenville	Pastor David Wood	17,742.00

TOP TEN PER CAPITA GIVING

1.	Vanceboro	Pastor Mel House	240.08
2.	Wakelon	Pastor Dean Fulford	231.72
3.	Benson	Pastor Jimmy Barnhill	162.86
4.	Shiloh	Pastor Ralph Leggett	146.31
5.	Lyon Memorial	Pastor Dallas Gurganus	132.55
6.	Clinton	Pastor David Wheeler	127.46
7.	New Hope	Pastor Annie Noman	115.93
8.	Bridgeton	Pastor Kenneth Dixon	111.28
9.	The Capital	Pastor Harry Vaughan	105.00
10.	Living Waters	Pastor Ricky Nelms	99.49

TOP TEN GLOBAL OUTREACH GIVING

1.	Benson	Pastor Jimmy Barnhill	15,610.00
2.	Mount Carmel	Pastor Gary Strickland	9,065.00
3.	Kinston	Pastor Bobby Williams	6,974.57
4.	Vaughan's Chapel	Pastor Reuben Mosley	6,328.00
5.	Northwood Temple	Pastor John Hedgepeth	5,422.00
6.	Bridgeton	Pastor Kenneth Dixon	5,025.00
7.	Lumberton First	Pastor Phillip Bland	5,010.00
8.	Harvest Temple	Pastor Fred Jones	4,635.00
9.	New Hope	Pastor Annie Norman	4,100.00
10.	Shiloh	Pastor Ralph Leggett	4,005.00

TOP TEN MISSIONARY SUPPORT 1997

1.	Gospel Tabernacle	Pastor King White	$29,726.00
2.	The Capital	Pastor Harry Vaughan	20,549.00
3.	Shiloh Wilson	Pastor Ralph Leggett	16,675.00
4.	Greenville First	Pastor David Wood	15,580.00
5.	Tarboro First	Pastor Jesse Blalock	13,475.00
6.	The First	Pastor Jimmy Whiffield	12,635.00
7.	Lumberton First	Pastor Phillip Bland	11,245.00
8.	Clinton First	Pastor David Wheeler	11,129.00
9.	Pike Cross Roads	Pastor Tim Creel	10,970.00
10.	Mount Carmel	Pastor Gary Strickland	10,030.00

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - January 1998

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1700		740		650	494
KINSTON FIRST	634		303		321	307
THE FIRST	360		205		150	160
MT. OLIVE LD	309		202		100	75
MT. CARMEL	349		198		209	125
TARBORO FIRST	214		190		185	162
THE CAPITAL	350		187		170	220
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	555	15	153	14	427	280
STEDMAN	282		152		208	135
CHADBOURN	220		147		174	111
SHILOH	289	47	140	47	189	97
WILSON FIRST	180		138		75	105
CLINTON	333		137		243	154
ST. PAULS	167	40	134	40	132	131
WHITLEY	269		120		248	130
GRACE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP	208		120		190	159
HARVEST TEMPLE	188	65	120	47	131	97
PENIEL	261		120		109	57
LUMBERTON	322	14	119	9	140	91
BIZZELL GROVE	163	40	117	38	80	46
EVANGEL	210	19	112	15	105	57
HARKERS ISLAND	133		111		67	48
WILLIAMSTON	154	10	110	10	109	75
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	116		107		100	85
SMYRNA	106		106		101	60
BELFAST	138		103		106	65
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	203	25	103	19	169	64
BETHANY	155	5	101	22	109	54
BRENTWOOD	135		98		150	132
ST. PAUL	156		97		40	
WALLACE	229		93		84	67
BENSON	167	48	91	48	140	84
ROANOKE RAPIDS	260	37	85	37	53	40
BAYWOOD	120		82		67	67
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120		82		86	51
MILLENNIUM	142	36	80	37	90	57
ST. JOHN	126		78		35	44
ROPER	101		78		96	57
PIKES CROSSROADS	187		71		145	44
NEW BERN FIRST	126		70		97	40
WESTVIEW	109		69		103	50
HOBGOOD	100		69			
STANTONSBURG	102		69			
BOARDMAN	210		67		201	37
SHARON	99	1	66	1	43	35
MT. OLIVE (GD)	80		65			
SANFORD FIRST	94		65		49	41
KENLY	114		65			
BROCKS CHAPEL	168	18	63	18	91	61
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71		63		30	29
TAYLORS CHAPEL	132		61			
MARANATHA	84		60		50	71
WINTERVILLE	73		58			
MOORES CHAPEL	108		57		83	39
EMMANUEL	97		56		60	52
EASTSIDE	55	28	55	28	0	0
REELSBORO	108	56	55	44	64	38
MIDWAY	115		55		85	38
THOMAS CHAPEL	126		55		66	25
WILMINGTON	142		54		142	27
NAKINA	82		54		14	12
REHOBOTH	139		54			
BLACK CREEK	63		54			
ELIZABETHTOWN	100		53		65	31
THUNDER SWAMP	89		53		11	11
GETHSEMANE	154		53		48	36
BRIDGETON	84		52			
EBENEZER	58		51		44	43
MANLEYS GROVE	135		49			
TYNDALL GROVE	75		49		30	22
HODGES CHAPEL	87		48			

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
HIGHER GROUND	104		48		59	35
BETHEL	86		48			
SELMA	63		48			
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104		46		59	22
FRIENDSHIP WD	96		46		64	45
SNOW HILL	67		45		12	12
GOSHEN	77		45		31	31
LIVING WATERS	73		42		89	33
JACKSONVILLE	76		41		30	22
SHILOH	90		41			
CARSON MEMORIAL	78		40		65	30
WARSAW	77		40			
TABERNACLE	60		40		33	24
SHELMERDINE	55		40		41	32
CALVARY LD	39		39			
ABERDEEN	80		37		75	32
SPRING HOPE	51		37		49	32
SNEADS FERRY	101		37		30	12
TRINITY CD	68		35			
GRACE COMMUNITY	46		34		45	20
NIAGARA	155		34		33	15
SCOTLAND NECK	53		33		28	29
ST. MATTHEW	73		33			
JONES GROVE	42		32			
WESTMORELAND	146		32		95	48
CEDAR POINT	45		32		26	15
TRINITY RMD	65		32		60	15
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	49		31			
LOWLAND	35		31			
HERITAGE	56		30		46	28
ALBRITTON	73	17	30	17	42	20
FAITH WD	60	121	30	121		
THE GENESIS	79		29			
VANCEBORO	32		29			
NEW COVENANT	72	15	28	15	28	17
NEW VISION	57		28			
BAILEY	35	22	28	22	18	18
GARLAND	64		28			
WELDON	66		27			
SONLIGHT	30	20	26	20	22	23
ABBOTTSBURG	35		26		27	18
OAK RIDGE	64		26		28	23
INDEPENDENCE	40		26			
SIMS	48		26			
HOPEWELL	24		24		29	29
WADES POINT	40		24			
LYON MEMORIAL	72		23			
ALLIANCE	43		22		41	0
LAMM'S GROVE	51		22			
GRIFTON	41		22		30	14
FRIENDSHIP NBD	27		20		20	11
NEW HOPE	23		20			
RED SPRINGS	77		19			
MIDDLESEX	17		17			
ABUNDANT LIFE	16		16			
GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES	26		15		9	9
CLAYTON	26	6	15	6		
CALVARY TEMPLE	23		13			
WINDSOR	13	28	13	28		
VICKS CHAPEL	14		12			
WAKELON	13		12			
ALERT	54		12			
GOOSE CREEK	31		10		19	0
CRYSTAL COAST	36		10			
PLYMOUTH	9		6			
LIGHTHOUSE	8		5			
Total:	17339	----	9285	703	8642	5739
Average:	127	----	68	29	94	63
Count:	137	----	137	----	92	91

Youth Quest 98

July 27-30, 1998

Ridgecrest Conference Center

located near Asheville, North Carolina

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Registration

The per person registration for Youth Quest is $50.00 - registration packets will be available from Youth Quest International in March. ***Mail your registration forms with a Postmark no later than July 1*** (by a U.S. Post office) to receive a Youth Quest T-shirt. (Registrations received after this postmark deadline are not eligible for the YQ T-shirt as part of the registration price.)

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The rate includes lodging and three meals a day, starting with dinner July 27, 1998 (serving time 5:00-6:30 p.m.) and ending with lunch Thursday July 30, 1998 (a total of three nites lodging and nine meals).

For further information contact: **Youth Quest International** **405/787-7110 ext 3323**
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Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord,
for this is the right thing to do.
"Honor your father and mother."
This is the first of the Ten Commandments
that ends with a promise. And this is the promise:
If you honor your father and mother,
"you will live a long life, full of blessing."

Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged;
parents are the pride of their children.

Ephesians 6:1-3
Proverbs 17:6
(New Living Translation)

Honor Your Mother
on
Mother's Day
May 10, 1998

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Rev. W. Eddie Morris, a gifted leader and "people person," served as superintendent of this conference from 1941 to 1975. One of my favorite memories of Brother Morris is in regard to his great sense of humor. Out of that quality arose many wise words of counsel. The following copy from Superintendent Morris' Monthly Message was lifted from the May, 1959 *Evangel.* This article conveys a powerful message that is as appropriate today as it was thirty-nine years age. I pray it will speak to each reader as it does to me.

"How The String Can Be Broken"

A few days ago, I was on my way to the Post Office and my wife had a yard machine she wanted me to return to the store. In the process of getting this contraption to stay in the trunk of the car, I saw I needed a string. Looking around I saw "the lady of the house" had placed a string-lattice around a portion of the yard where dirt had been hauled to keep the paper boy and his bicycle out, along with a few children.

I needed a string! I didn't have time to go back into the house, so looking around to be sure she wasn't seeing me, I took the string fence apart for a short distance in order to get the fastener I needed. But when I started to cut this string, I had no knife. What could I do? Going in the house was out of the question now!

After an examination, I decided I could break the string by separating the individual threads. This I did successfully, and insofar as I know, my wife hasn't found out about this yet. But in separating this string thread by thread, I thought of how the enemy works to divide the church and break it apart.

The devil knows he cannot tear or break all of us bound together. He knows there is unity in the "Bond of Peace." What does he do? He starts taking us apart in opinion, by severing unity, by destroying peace among us. One by one he breaks the threads. This is where he can get his fingers to divide.

How many times have we given him an opening? We don't like a thing that has been or is being done in the church. What can we do to stop it? Suppose it is the Sunday school teacher of the Sunday school Superintendent or even the pastor? Suppose it is the church choir, the youth service, or maybe the building committee is doing something we don't like. We wanted the church plan to have more or less space.

What can be done to stop it? Can it be stopped? Yes, it can be stopped at least for a while. Paul seemed to realize this in that he said, "For a great door and effectual is opened to me, and there are many adversaries" [I Corinthians 16:9].

Our love for the church as a whole must surpass our local prejudices. Oppose anything in reason until the majority has spoken; then work to make the adopted project a success. Building programs at times have been held up because one person would not work with the pastor. This person waits until conference hoping the pastor will be moved so they will not be bothered by his efforts at progress. The only apparent way for some people to get what they want is to take the whole apart piece by piece.

Now I haven't told my wife about my getting the string and how I got it. I think she will forgive me, for in actuality it amounted to be very little, but to take conference and church projects apart piece by piece or refuse to work with them just because they aren't to our liking, we will give an account to God.

Let us not allow the devil to sabotage our church programs by using us to break unity, peace and good will among the membership by talking everything down that didn't originate with us. Let us be workers together with God. In this way the twisted twine will hold, and we will not be destroyed by demons or men.

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MINISTERS WIVES FELLOWSHIP

Friday, July 24
at 5:00 p.m.
North Carolina Conference Cafeteria
Private Dining Room
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Judith Phelps

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH NEWS (WD)

Retired Ministers Day was observed Sunday, March 29 at the Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church in the Wilson District. Our honored guest was Rev. J. Everette Eatmon and his wife, Grace. Among the 72 that attended the morning service included this three children, grandchildren, brother Randolph, and sister Inez Evans, and a host of other relatives and friends. At the beginning of the service, Rev. and Mrs. Eatmon were called to the front of the church and presented with a boutonniere and a corsage. After a time of praise and worship, Brother Eatmon preached a well received message. At the close of the service, we received a love offering for Rev. Eatmon.

Brother Eatmon was saved at the age of fourteen and sanctified 4/13/43 and baptized with the Holy Ghost 4/14/43. He answered the call to preach in 1948. He received his Mission Worker license in January 1949. He was licensed to preach in 1950 and ordained in 1952.

He pastored several churches in the North Carolina Conference including Thompson Chapel, Thomas Chapel, Red Springs, Farmville, Vanceboro, Harkers Island, and Roper. Because of his health, he retired and moved to Henderson in 1972. Since retiring in 1972, he has served as interim pastor for the Warrenton Church, Alert, and Thomas Chapel. He has conducted revivals in 82 churches such as Baptist, Freewill Baptist, Fire Baptized Holiness, Emmanuel Holiness, Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of God, Church of the Living God, Episcopal, and The Salvation Army, some Independent churches, and wherever a door was open.

Rev. Everette Eatmon has four children: three sons and a daughter. One of his son's, Dale, pastors the New Covenant Church in Warrenton.

May the Lord continue to bless and use Brother Eatmon as he serves the Lord.

Rev. Emmett E. Turner, Pastor

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

The North Carolina Conference announces the availability of evangelist Rev. Mrs. Selma Webb. She is filling the schedule with speaking and singing engagements. Rev. Webb may be reached at 919-291-4733 or P.O. Box 311, Black Creek, N.C. 27813.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Office Closed
Memorial Day, May 25

Examining Committee
Ministers License Candidates
Thursday, June 4, – 9:00 a.m.
Cafeteria/Training Center – Falcon

Ordination License Candidates
Friday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.
Cafeteria/Training Center – Falcon

Office Closed – Friday, July 3, 1998

Falcon Camp Meeting
July 19 – July 26
Speakers: Rev. W. J. Forehand
and Rev. Leroy Baker

Quadrennial Conference Session
Thursday and Friday, July 23 and 24
Culbreth Memorial Auditorium

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA

May Day! Can you remember when May 1st was a special day of celebration at school? It was celebrated as a day to officially welcome spring. The American version was apparently adopted from medieval times when May Day became the favorite holiday of many English villages. People gathered spring flowers to decorate their homes and churches. They sang spring carols and received gifts in return. They chose a King and Queen of May. Villagers danced around a Maypole, holding the ends of ribbons that streamed from its top. They wove the beautiful ribbons back and forth around the Maypole until it was covered with bright colors.

I hadn't thought of May Day in a long time until recently while thumbing through one of our photo albums. I ran across a picture of my youngest brother and sister (twins). Oral Dean and Gloria Jean were all dressed for their role as May Day Prince and Princess at Vanceboro Elementary School. It brought back memories of childhood days when I, too, had participated in special activities at the same school. I reflected on the many events we enjoyed as children. I remembered how Moma had made us costumes or appropriate clothes for each event and the pride she had, as our mother, when she sat in the audience to watch us. That May Day picture reminded me again of how special it is to have a loving, caring mother.

In an age when the family is not valued as it once was, we again need to be reminded of the "specialness" of motherhood. We can look to the Scripture to see just how God sees the role. In the Genesis account of Abraham's life, we find recorded how his wife, Sarah, became a mother at the age of 90. She had no fancy titles nor high credentials. She was not the CEO of some great company and did not have a degree. Yet, she was included by the writer of Hebrews as one of the heroes of faith because she trusted God to make her a mother (Hebrews 11:11).

We can look in I Samuel to the account of Hannah. Her womb was barren; however, she stayed before the Lord and believed Him to give her a child. She wept bitterly before God, and the Lord remembered her. When her little Samuel was born, she gave him back to the Lord for His service.

We can also look at Luke's account of the young virgin, Mary. A most unusual and unexpected pregnancy, yet Mary never considered abortion. Instead, she said, "be it unto me according to thy word." She was honored to bear the title of motherhood in spite of the possibility of shame and rejection.

I believe that God still honors motherhood today. From my own experience as a mother, I have learned both responsibility and rejoicing. There have been times of frustration and times of celebration. Our children are all grown up now, yet I still find that my mother's words are true. She said to me, "Once a mother, always a mother!" She was right, and now that motherhood role is expanding to include in-laws and hopefully at some time in the future, grandchildren. My life is so enriched because I am a mother.

May Day! Mother's Day! Both are celebrations that come to remind us of the handiwork of God . . . the beauty of spring flowers and the beauty of a Godly mother. Let's take this opportunity to celebrate them both!

A JOYFUL NOISE . . .

Psalm 100:1 says, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord..." At the NCWM Retreat in March, Bishop Barbara Amos made a statement that has really stuck with me. She said, "Praise confuses Satan."

In today's society, we are too busy to praise God!! Some say, "That's not my nature," or "I'm too quiet. I praise God, but I'm quiet about it." To make a joyful NOISE, we cannot be QUIET! Noise is not quiet. Noise is not even silent as some would have it. Noise is NOISE! Praise is NOISE ... A joyful NOISE!!

God inhabits the praises of His people. He deserves our praises. For giving us air to breathe, we must praise Him! For giving us food, shelter and clothing, we must praise Him! For our families and friends, we must praise Him! For dying so we might live, we must praise Him! Praise Him in every thought, word and deed. God is such a merciful and gracious God. Without Him, we would be nothing. He deserves our highest praise! Praise Him on the mountain tops and in the valleys. Make "confusing Satan" a daily part of your life. Confuse him with praise to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

I thank God for the opportunity of serving Him as the Lumberton WM District Director. He has opened so many doors for ministry. He has placed a new and fresh anointing on my life, and for that I GIVE HIM PRAISE.

May He pour that same anointing on each of you.

Submitted by Laurie Brown
Lumberton District WM Director

NOTE: Laurie is the wife of Rev. Jeff Brown, pastor of Elizabethtown PH Church. She is also a mother and a teacher in the Bladen County School system.

LESSONS FROM CARMEN ...

A few years ago, when our daughter went off to college, my husband decided I needed something to which to devote my time and energy. So, I was given a two-pound (now five-pound) Yorkshire terrier. That would be "Carmen." She is absolutely nothing but five pounds of black and brown hair. Carmen runs our household. There is no doubt, no questions about it, it is her home! We're just passing through.

With the retreat and WM Founder's Day engagements, I have been gone a lot during the last few weeks; but one thing for sure, Carmen is consistent. When I'm gone, she waits and looks for me. My husband says she watches the door. She is

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expecting me to return. When she hears my car, she starts jumping and yapping! I can hardly get in the door. She is beside herself, so happy to see me. She just jumps and wants me to play with her. Then, when I start playing with her, she licks and licks. She is so excited.

Now there is a point to all of this. As women of God, are we excited when we are around our friends and loved ones? Are we glad to see them? Are we extending our arms and reaching out to the lost and hurting world? Women's Ministries for years has been the strong arm of the church, but have we been so busy that we have forgotten our true purpose? May the Lord help us to see others as He sees us.

As I watched Carmen the other day when I returned home, I couldn't help but wonder how many people would like to have that kind of attention. Genesis 4:9 says, "Am I my brother's keeper." Yes, we are! We can learn lessons even from our pets. Carmen doesn't require much, she just wants a little attention and lots of love.

Submitted by: Patsy Deese
NCWM Secretary-Treasurer

CHADBOURN WM...

On a recent visit with Chadbourn Women's Ministries, Director Linda Thomas, enjoyed being a part of their regular WM meeting program by sharing ideas and reviewing the WM structure as presented in the WM *Manual*. The ladies also held a shower, taking items to furnish their new kitchen, and enjoyed a delicious and lovely array of refreshments as

Chadbourn WM Officers

they arrived for the meeting. Their newly elected local director, Donna Williamson (left front), is pictured above along with other officials.

(Editor's Note: You are invited to share photos and articles of happenings in your local groups. Send to Linda Thomas, P.O. Box 337, Vanceboro, NC 28586).

MAMA'S COCONUT CAKE . . .

This recipe comes from Damon Fowler's *Classic Southern Cooking: A Celebration of the Cuisine of the Old South Cookbook*. It will make a great Mother's Day dessert.

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
2 cups sugar
2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
7 egg whites
1 medium coconut
2 to 3 tablespoons sugar
Seven-minute frosting

Beat butter at medium speed with electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugar, beating well.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt; add to butter mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed after each addition. Stir in vanilla.

Beat egg whites until soft peaks form; fold into batter. Pour batter into 3 greased and floured 9-inch round cake pans.

Bake at 375 for 25 to 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks.

Pierce "eyes" at end of coconut with an ice pick. Pour liquid through a fine wire-mesh strainer into a 1-cup liquid measuring cup; add enough water to measure 1 cup, if necessary. Set liquid aside.

Crack coconut and shred. (To get the meat of coconut, use hammer to crack shell and break coconut open. Then pry meat away from shell with knife or clean screwdriver. Use vegetable peeler to remove brown skin from meat. Shred with grater or food processor.)

Cook coconut liquid and 2 to 3 tablespoons sugar in a small saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Remove coconut syrup from heat.

Place 1 cake layer on cake plate; drizzle with 1/4 cup coconut syrup. Spread 1 cup Seven-minute frosting over cake and sprinkle with 1/4 of shredded coconut. Repeat procedure with second layer using 5 tablespoons coconut syrup. Top with third layer, drizzle with 1/4 cup coconut syrup. Spread top and sides of cake with remaining frosting and press remaining coconut onto top and side of cake. Drizzle remaining syrup over top of cake.

Cover and Chill at least 24 hours. (Essential that cake chill 24 hours before serving)

SEVEN-MINUTE FROSTING: Mix 4 egg whites, 2 cups sugar and 1/2 cup water in top of a large double boiler. Beat at low speed until blended. Place over boiling water, beating at high speed for 7 minutes or until soft peaks form. Remove from heat. Beat to spreading consistency. Spread IMMEDIATELY over cooled cake. (Yield: 4 1/2 cups)

FUND-RAISER IDEA . . .

Special event . . . anniversary year . . . or just a fund raising! You might like to offer unique heirloom quality items, custom imprinted with a picture of your church, Bronze, pewter and glass ball ornaments are available. Ceramic and porcelain mugs or commemorative plates and tiles are also possibilities. For free information, contact Hampshire Promotional Services at 1-800-843-3279.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

June is Sharing Sister Month. Plan now to get together with your assigned Sharing Sister WM group for some activity during the month. The fellowship will bless your WM.

June 6 is NCWM Quadrennial Convention date. Every local WM group should send a delegation to participate in the business and election. Officials for the next four years will be elected. Pray for God's will regarding this very important convention.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Congratulations are in order for those pastors who are Incentive Gift Winners for 1997. They won a $75.00 gift certificate for either increasing their "GO Offering" by $500.00 or total missions giving by $1,000.00 Many won in both categories, but could only receive one certificate unless they were also a Conference winner.

The same challenges are offered by the World Missions Department for 1998.

World Missions Committee (above)

District Directors (below)

1997 "TOTAL GIVING" INCENTIVE WINNERS

1.	Harry Vaughan	The Capital	$14,317.93
2.	L. B. Avery	Ebenezer	6,127.14
3.	Ron Cannon	Baytwood	5,083.00
4.	Robert Ormond	Pine Level	3,532.54
5.	Jay Young	Gateway	3,023.50
6.	David Butts	Living Faith	2,811.96
7.	Sherwood O'Neal	Carson Memorial	2,093.53
8.	Roger Leggett	Williamston First	1,979.44
9.	Julian Thompson	Brentwood	1,849.75
10.	Dallas Gurganus	Lyon Memorial	1,722.00
11.	Danny Nelson	Culbreth Memorial	1,655.25
12.	Kenneth Dixon	Bridgeton	1,436.32
13.	R. L. Downing	Shelmerdine	1,396.67
14.	W. M. Wooten	Wilmington First	1,318.75
15.	Linwood Conner	Rehoboth	1,209.96
16.	Lee Toler	Alliance	1,163.55
17.	Paul Loftin	Holly Hill	1,086.69
18.	Raymond Whitehurst	Jacksonville	1,069.23
19.	Elton Bryan	Sanford First	1,037.38

$1,425.00 spent to get $53,903.59

1997 "GO" INCENTIVE GIFTS

	Pastor	Church	Increase
1.	John Hedgepeth	Northwood Temple	$3,386.00
2.	Phillip Bland	Lumberton First	3,010.00
3.	Gary Strickland	Mount Carmel	2,958.00
4.	Ricky Nelms	Living Waters	1,761.70
5.	Jimmy Barnhill	Benson	1,529.62
6.	Bobby Williams	Kinston First	1,457.88
7.	Anthony Smith	Scotland Neck	1,305.00
8.	Reuben Mosley	Vaughans Chapel	1,186.00
9.	Johnnie Pollard	Missionary Holiness	1,130.76
10.	Annie Norman	New Hope	1,100.00
11.	Fred Jones	Harvest Temple	965.00
12.	Leroy Evans	Selma	920.00
13.	Vance Harrell	Smyrna	884.00
14.	Ronnie Gurganus	Hodges Chapel	859.53
15.	Kenneth Weaver	Lamms Grove	755.00
16.	Tommy McLaurin	Wallace	712.00
17.	Noah Barefoot	Grace Family Fellowship	700.00
18.	Thad White	Hollands Chapel	687.60
19.	Gary Webber	Ayden	677.24
20.	Oris Hubbard	Mount Olive	675.00
21.	Dwight Dunning	Bizzell Grove	630.00
22.	King White	Gospel Tabernacle	602.94
23.	Jim Skinner	Chadbourn	530.00
24.	Doner Lucas	Niagara	503.70
25.	Clayton Guthrie	Harkers Island	500.00

$1,875.00 spent to get $29,426.97

PASTOR APPRECIATION GIFTS
For 1998

World Evangelism Giving
World Missions Ministries and Evangelism USA

Local Churches

Each pastor with a **$1,000 or more increase** over last year's total world missions giving will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

Each pastor with a **$500 or more increase** over last year in the Global Outreach Offering will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

No more than one gift will be awarded per church.

Conferences

Three $100 gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources will be given in each conference (one certificate per category) as shown below:

- Largest Total Overall Giving
- Largest GO Percentage Increase
  ($500 minimum total offering)
- Largest Overall Per Capita Giving
  ($500 minimum total offering)

1997 "CONFERENCE" INCENTIVE GIFTS $100.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Largest Total Overall Giving
John Hedgepeth – Northwood Temple

Largest "GO" Percentage Increase
Kenneth Weaver – Lamm's Grove

Largest Overall Per Capita Giving
Mel House – Vanceboro Church

1998 "GO" OFFERING GOAL – $200,000.00

One of the key ways being used this year to reach the $200,000.00 "GO" Offering is to have individuals to give a Day's Wage. **The Conference World Missions Committee and District Directors have committed to give a Day's Wage.**

1997 BLESSINGS

The Conference ended the year with 23,539 members. This was a net increase of 405 members –a 2% increase. The Sunday a.m. attendance increased by 662 per Sunday to an average of 16,543 (a 4% increase). Seven new churches started. These new churches accounted for over 300 of the new members. The Conference ended the year with 176 churches and 184 preaching points. Nineteen of these preaching points are Hispanic churches.

We actually had a better year in the Conference statistically than the records show. Several churches cleaned their rolls in December 1997. Roll cleaning must be done, but it surely can hurt when a church waits for several years to do it. Last year in July the Conference was ahead by over 600 new members.

We must continually pray and work for renewal and revival. We still have a major job to do. Less than 40% of the people in our Conference go to church once a week. Over 31% of the adults work every Sunday. We must reach these people with an alternate worship service.

The Evangelism Ministries personnel are working faithfully and diligently to reach the people within the Conference with the Gospel Message. The message has not changed. People can still be saved, sanctified, filled with the Spirit, and divinely healed. Deliverance is possible. Hope can be renewed. Lives can be changed!

The goals for 1998 include: 5 new organized churches, 7 new church starts, at least one new Hispanic church per district, and 2,000 new members (Target 2,000 goal).

The Conference has its first ethnic co-ordinator, Rev. John Parker (Hispanic Co-ordinator). The Conference has a functioning Hispanic Planning and Credentials Committee.

God is at work in the N.C. Conference.

NEW CHURCH PLANTER

Rev. Chap Chappell, former music director at Grace Family Fellowship, Robersonville, has become a member of an Evangelism USA church planting team in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The leader of the team is Rev. Archie Callahan.

The Norfolk-Virginia Beach area has a population of 1.5 million. Ranking 15th in fiscal strength among America's 50 wealthiest cities, the challenges of a church invasion are great.

Churches and individuals may support Chap and Christy in this new project. May God bless their efforts. Churches who support them would earn the 6th star in Missions 7-Star Program. Their account number in Oklahoma City is 09201. Funds can be funneled through the Conference Office.

MAY 23 – ARKS MEETING

The Evangelism Ministries is sponsoring a day of training at Falcon on Saturday, May 23. Brother Robert Knowles and his Arks Team will be present to present a workshop on how to relocate a church or add extra buildings to a church property. Any church considering any future building expansion should attend this meeting. This meeting is open to clergy and laity. The ideal is for a church to have a team present (perhaps building committee). Participants must register. A fee of $20 (with notebook) and $10 (without notebook) will be charged. Lunch will be served.

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
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INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
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SIMONIZING YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's the time of the year when young men's hearts turn to their pet fancies. Their fancy may be a fishing trip after a forbidding winter season; or working in the yard (especially when the lady of the house so requests). A young man's heart could turn to gardening, with the fresh smell of a newly plowed ground. I am told that some men's hearts even turn to love. That is especially true on a warm spring day when there's plenty of daylight to spend with many a young man's first love: his car! Oh the pains we take to make an old car look new. We wash and polish and scrub and shine and wax and use those special "secrets of a clean car" that we dare tell no one. There's nothing quite like the slick finishes the can of "Simonize Wax" yields. We are even convinced that our car's engines run better if the water beads on the hood when it rains. I've noticed one thing about car waxes: the older the paint job, the more necessary the polish. So on these warm spring days, it is necessary to get out the automobile wax and "simonize" your car.

There is an application to the Sunday school, which would benefit us all. Consider that the Sunday school is perhaps the oldest outreach ministry of the modern church. To give some perspective to its age, think about this: the Sunday school began in England before all thirteen original colonies had ratified the *Constitution* of the United States of America. Also, Sunday school predates the presidency of Georgia Washington. Its rich history of fellowship, instruction, and most importantly, soul winning have made it one of the best outreaches for ministry the Lord has ever placed at our disposal. But, neither its "seniority" as an outreach ministry not its familiar traditions which most of us have come to love and appreciate are ample reasons to continue it as a viable ministry of the 21st Century Church. However, if we keep the Sunday school "simonized," it will always be a revenant ministry to all ages. Let me explain.

Jesus knew that accomplishing the Great Commission would not be an easy task. He also knew that for His Church to be built, it would require the efforts of everyday people, in our vernacular, "the common man." There are two such people whose roles become a pattern for us all. One is named Simon Peter; the other is his brother, Andrew. The Lord called both, but the interesting thing to me is how they came to be called. Your Sunday schools can take a lesson by the simplicity of the call of these two disciples.

If you study his life, you find that Andrew was always bringing something to Jesus. He brought the lad with the fishes and loaves when Christ fed the 5000. What a day for the little boy! This New Testament Sunday School Superintendent caused a child to have a memory of a lifetime because he knew that Jesus could take five loaves and two fishes and do wonders with them. When was the last time you brought somebody to Jesus through the Sunday school? But this little boy wasn't the only person Andrew brought to Jesus. Andrew was thrilled at being a disciple. So thrilled in fact that he had to share this good news with someone. So the Scriptures say that he ***first*** findeth his own brother Peter and brought him to the Master. That Peter made an impact on the Church cannot be denied. He wrote two epistles and was prominent in the founding of the Church. Though people talk about the greatness of Peter, they seldom talk about the greatness of his brother. But it was Andrew, a man who knew that Jesus could use anything he'd bring him, who brought his brother to the Savior.

One of my fond childhood memories is an old Sunday school campaign that used these two biblical brothers as a springboard. If you brought a friend to Sunday School, the Superintendent would give you a name badge that said, "I am an Andrew." If you were such a guest, your name badge would read, "I am a Simon Peter." I remember the pride with which I wore my little badge that identified me as an Andrew. I even remember the Sunday morning that my parents took a picture of my two unchurched friends who had their Simon Peter badges on. At the end of the campaign, all the "Andrews" and "Simon Peters" were guests of the Sunday school at a Friday night fish fry held in gratitude for their participation.

That was probably forty years ago, yet just a few weeks ago it dawned upon me that we were served the same meal Andrew and his friend at that day when Jesus fed the 5000. As a little boy, I never thought much about it. I never thought much about the impact such a small Sunday school campaign could have on my friends, until one of them joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church and married one of her daughters. To this day, my childhood friend, who was my "Simon Peter," is still a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was my first effort at "Simonizing the Sunday School."

In the simple campaign we used, Simon Peter was the visitor. And we want our Sunday schools to be full of them. We'll keep a church full of them if we allow God to give to us the spirit of Andrew. We need more of a heart to keep bringing people to Jesus. As long as we have Andrews, we'll keep our Sunday schools "simonized."

Christian Education Department – Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report – February 1998

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1700		616		650	507
KINSTON FIRST	634		317		321	291
THE FIRST	360		205		150	160
TARBORO FIRST	214		202		185	167
MT. OLIVE LD	309		189		100	
THE CAPTIAL	350		188		170	222
MT. CARMEL	349		186		209	127
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	549	20	167	13	427	350
CLINTON	287		164		244	183
STEDMAN	282		147		208	131
WILSON FIRST	191		147		80	98
CHADBOURN	220		142		174	114
SHILOH	289	40	138	40	189	93
ST. PAULS	167	40	136	60	132	119
WHITLEY	269		135		248	202
PENIEL	261		125		109	65
GRACE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP	209		122		191	134
CLUBRETH MEMORIAL	203	25	121	18	169	60
HARKERS ISLAND	133		117		67	62
BIZZELL GROVE	163	40	115	37	80	41
HARVEST TEMPLE	188	65	113	42	132	75
EVANGEL	210	19	109	11	105	60
SMYRNA	106		108		101	68
WILLIAMSTON	154	10	107	8	109	78
LUMBERTON	322	14	107	9	140	89
ST. PAUL	156		106		40	
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	100		104		100	101
BELFAST	138		101		106	57
BENSON	167	48	99	21	140	81
BETHANY	155	5	97	24	109	45
BRENTWOOD	135		91		150	129
ROANOKE RAPIDS	260	37	91	37	40	40
BAYWOOD	120		86		67	69
WALLACE	229		84		84	66
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120		80		86	50
ST. JOHN	128		79		35	148
MILLENNIUM	142	36	78	38	90	45
PIKES CROSSROADS	187		77		145	42
ROPER	101		73		96	52
KENLY	114		70			
NEW BERN FIRST	126		70		97	40
HOBGOOD	100		69			
WESTVIEW	113		69		101	54
MT. OLIVE (GD)	80		66			
MARANATHA	85		65		50	81
SANFORD FIRST	94		65		49	46
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71		64		30	26
BROADMAN	210		63		201	30
BROCKS CHAPEL	168	18	62	19	91	51
MOORES CHAPEL	108		61		83	35
SHARON	99	1	61	1		
STANTONSBURG	102		59			
NAKINA	82		58		14	12
TAYLORS CHAPEL	132		57			
THOMAS CHAPEL	126		56		66	24
WINTERVILLE	73		56			
REELSBORO	108	50	56	43	64	33
THUNDER SWAMP	89		54		11	11
GETHSEMANE	154		53		48	36
EMMANUEL	97		53		60	51
MANLEYS GROVE	136		53			
MIDWAY	116		53		85	39
TYNDALL GROVE	75		51		30	23
WILMINGTON	142		51		142	23
BLACK CREEK	63		49			
BETHEL	86		47			
EASTSIDE	55	28	47			
ELIZABETHTOWN	100		46		65	27
SNOW HILL	67		46			
EBENEZER	58		46		41	29
TABERNACLE	62		45		33	21
THE GENESIS	77		45			
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104		44		59	23
JACKSONVILLE	76		44		30	22
HIGHER GROUND	104		43		59	29
NIAGARA	155		42		33	22
CARSON MEMORIAL	78		42		65	27
SNEADS FERRY	101		41		30	39
FRIENDSHIP WD	96		41		64	27
SHELMERDINE	55		40		41	32
BRIDGETON	84		40			
WARSAW	79		40			
SPRING HOPE	50		39		49	34
GOSHEN	77		38		31	24
LOWLAND	35		38			
JONES GROVE	42		38			
ST.MATTHEW	73		37			
SCOTLAND NECK	53		35		28	27
LIVING WATERS	73		35		89	40
GARLAND	64		34			
TRINITY CD	68		33			
CALVARY LD	39		32			
ALBRITTON	73	17	31	18	42	19
HERITAGE	56		30		46	33
INDEPENDENCE	40		29			
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	49		29			
OAK RIDGE	64		28		28	24
NEW COVENANT	70	15	28	15	28	29
WELDON	66		27			
SIMS	48		27			
FAITH WD	60	121	27	121		
ABBOTTSBURG	35		26		25	15
HOPEWELL	24		26		29	26
BAILEY	36		25		18	20
WADES POINT	45		25			
NEW VISION	57		23			
LYON MEMORIAL	72		22			
CEDAR POINT	49		22		26	18
ALLIANCE	43		21		41	
NEW HOPE	23		21			
RED SPRINGS	70		21			
SONLIGHT	20	20	20	29	22	23
LAMMS' GROVE	51		19			
MIDDLESEX	17		18			
GRIFTON	41		17		30	
CLAYTON	21	6	16	6		
GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES	26		15		12	12
FREINDSHIP NDB	27		13		20	11
ALERT	54		13			
ABUNDANT LIFE	16		13			
CALVARY TEMPLE	23		13			
VICKS CHAPEL	15		12			
GOOSE CREEK	31		12		19	
WAKELON	11		11			
WINDSON	13	28	7	13		
PLYMOUTH	9		6			
LIGHTHOUSE	8		6			
Total:	16,492	703	8,810	623	8,303	5,589
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"Thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord"
Psalm 128:4 (NIV)

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

OCCUPY

Please read St. Luke 19:11..."Occupy till I come."

To occupy means to not sit idly by but to invest; stay busy in the Master's service.

This account exhorts us to be ready for the coming of the Lord. We must not waste talent, time, opportunity, or energy. There will be an accounting of our entire lives to the Lord.

The world has too many holds on our people and appeals to us in too many ways. It has too many tentacles to entangle us and presents so many problems with which we must contend. So many seemingly legitimate things clamor for our time and attention. When we remind ourselves of the urgency of our readiness for His coming, we are able to discard these distractions more efficiently.

So many people seem satisfied with the status quo, but this is not so with those who are looking for Jesus. Their lives conform to the heavenly standard and their hearts are set on things above. They fear neither the favor, fury, nor faces of men. Their gaze is fixed on treasures above. Eternity in His presence is their goal and aspiration.

The command "Occupy till I come" is powerful in that it enhances all our Christian service and activity. It is a trumpet call to battle and ultimate victory. Dr. Hyman Appleman, Russian Jew, tells how his father worked away from home, sometimes many months at a time without coming home. Then a letter would come stating that he would be home at such and such a time. Oh, the careful activity in preparation for his coming. King Jesus is coming! Our preparation must be with utmost care.

The command "Occupy till I come" brings us encouragement in the day of trial, distress, trouble, and disappointment. It invigorates and helps us to overcome in the hour of temptation. It gives us grace to withstand in a generation of callous indifference and cold-hearted sin.

If we are to obey Christ's command "Occupy till I come," we must invade the enemy's territory and declare ceaseless war against him. We are inspired to possess His promises for now and in Heaven.

I understand it is on record that a Scottish landowner, who was unexpectedly detained while visiting away from home, sent a postcard to his bailiff or agent on which he wrote some brief but clear instructions:

"Do not try to get rid of the thistles. Be sure to deepen the ditches: they so easily get silted up. Mend the fences lest the lambs get straying. It is time to plow up the big meadows. You may expect my return very soon."

The Scottish master was evidently a man of few words. He might have used even fewer and have said simply, "Occupy till I come." This is just what our Lord and Master said to us, His stewards or agents.

The landowner's postcard could well be an exposition on Christ's instructions to us. Let us check up and see if we are following His instructions properly!

"Do not try to get rid of the thistles." There is no need to cultivate weeds. They grow and spread fast and take nourishment for themselves and gradually crowd out the flower and fruit of the Spirit in us! Christ died on Calvary to free us from ourselves! Selfishness on the job, in the home, and even in the church needs treatment! Bitterness of spirit and uncontrolled anger and backbiting must go. Ephesians 4:31-32 states, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

"Be sure to deepen the ditches." Rain and wind will silt the ditches. We must keep them clean. Just like clogged arteries keep blood from flowing with life-giving ingredients for our bodies, our spiritual channels must stay clean. It is a bit like the necessity of keeping the drain pipes open and clear in our homes. Someone has aptly said, "We cannot be channels of blessing if our lives are not free from all sin; we will be barriers and a hindrance to those we are trying to win."

"Mend the fences lest the lambs get straying." We must build a fence around our children with the family altar. The hedge of prayer and Bible reading will protect them in the time of storm. We need to build a good fence around our observance of the Lord's day! It must center around heart-changing, life-giving worship. Let us guide the secular

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CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Temple Fire

It seems like a very long time ago when God gave Pastor Fred Jones of Gum Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church a vision of a new church for the members to worship in. In 1978, Rev. Jones walked onto property on West 10th street in Roanoke Rapids, NC – land that belonged to someone else – and claimed it for Gum Chapel and the Lord. The church had no "building fund," no "savings account," and only a few members, but God was with them. With only a $5 bill in his hand, Rev. Jones stood on the parcel of land and prayed, not only asking for God's will but promising God a church for conservative holiness worship. The months ahead would prove to be challenging as well as stressful for the small number that set out so vigorously to have a new place to worship. There were probably several times that they felt like giving up, but the promise of a new place to worship gave them the courage to press forward. Just one trip to Gum Chapel reminded them they they needed a place where they could grow. The old church building had served its purpose well, but now it was time to move forward. Parking space was limited. During every service, there were vehicles parked on the shoulder of U.S. Highway 158. This was very dangerous and a constant reminder that there was a great need for better, less dangerous parking.

The fund raising began. After many stews (selling plates nearly every week), collecting bottles and newspapers, etc., and yard sales as well as many other sales projects, the new building began to take shape. Rev. Jones not only supervised the work, but he spent long hard hours doing everything he could to help with the building process. It took 18 months to complete the church and get it ready for services. The name of the church was changed from Gum Chapel P.H. Church to Harvest Temple P.H. Church. Services began October, 1979.

The church has grown in the 18 years since its completion. God has blessed the church abundantly, and we feel He will continue to do so as long as we keep our promise to keep it conservative.

On April 23, 1998, church members, friends, and Rev. and Mrs.

Entrance view, Harvest Temple PH Church – April 23, 1998

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Raymond Cecil Abernathy

Charter Member of Vick's Chapel

July 16, 1934 – January 22, 1998

During a tent revival conducted by Rev. Jettie Parker and Rev. J. Albert Taylor on May 19, 1947, Cecil Abernathy was saved. During future tent services he experienced sanctification and the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

He and others that received definite experiences during the revival formed Vick's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church and became charter members.

Brother Abernathy answered the call into the ministry. He received his Mission Worker License on November 10, 1961. He and his wife, Ora Lee, together faithfully served the Lord in ministry for 46 years.

Brother Abernathy pastored three churches, one being his home church. Due to health reasons he resigned as pastor of Vick's Chapel in the fall of 1994. He was a deacon and Sunday School Superintendent until his death.

Brother Abernathy was faithful to his church. He expressed many times the need of keeping the doors of the church open at service time, thus showing a light for Jesus to the neighborhood.

Brother Abernathy is survived by his wife, Ora; one daughter, Dorothy Mitchell; son-in-law, James Mitchell; grandchildren Jamie Narron and Joey Mitchell; two sisters and one half brother and sister.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, January 24, in Rocky Mount at the Johnson Funeral Home by Pastor Hubert Shropshire and Rev. Fred Bass. Burial was in the Rocky Mount Memorial Park.

Brother Abernathy was well-known and respected in his community as a minister of the gospel and a successful businessman. He will be missed. Our prayers are with Sister Abernathy and the family.

Respectfully submitted
– Rev. S. W. Webb
(former pastor)

The present pastor of Vick's Chapel is Dr. Hubert Shropshire

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

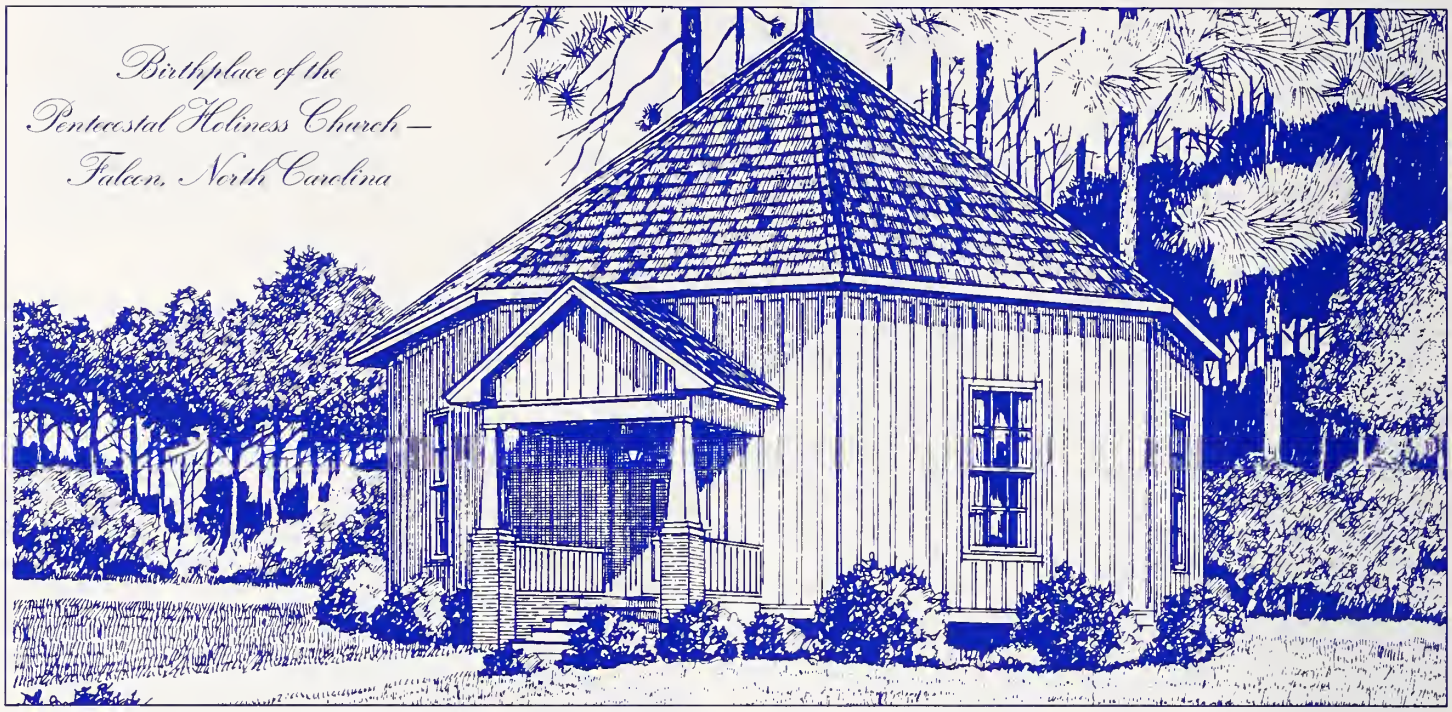
Rev. John Slye . . . . . June 9

Rev. Haywood Price . . . . . June 11

Rev. Lalleon Narron . . . . . June 29

Rev. Marvin Whitfield . . . . . June 29

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF VICTORY



This is the Centennial Year Celebration of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The church began 100 years ago. The first church was called The First Church, Goldsboro. That church began in 1898. The present denomination began in January, 1911, in the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon. Now the worldwide membership of the denomination and its affiliates number 2.6 million members. God has richly blessed us.

Have you ever taken some time and meditated in the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon? It is a wonderful place to enter into the Lord's presence. If you have not, you need to. The building has been partially restored, but it needs some additional work. We could use the building for so many more functions if it had heating and air conditioning and refinished pews.

We are looking for at least one hundred people to give $100 each, and one hundred more to give an offering. No offering is too small or too large. We will be using a book to list all the donors for this Centennial Renovation Fund. A special section will include the list of those who give a hundred dollars for the hundred anniversary.

Funds and faith commitments should be sent to the N.C. Conference, P.O. Box 59, Falcon, NC 28342 [Attention: Chris Thompson]. Hopefully, all funds will be in by year's end – 1998. We hope to have much of the work done by the Centennial Celebration here November 23 and 24.

Immediate plans for this Centennial year are to establish an Archives Center at Falcon, install heat and air conditioning in the Octagon Tabernacle, refinish the pews and furniture, paint the inside, etc. There is much to be done.

We are receiving historical documents already at Falcon. Let me know if you have such items to add to our collection. The field is wide open.

God is at work! We must know our heritage as we move by faith into the future.

D. Chris Thompson
N.C. Carolina Conference
Archives Director

Harvest Temple Fire
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Jones watched in desperation as Harvest Temple burned. Firemen worked several hours trying to put out the flames, but the fire burned ferociously for some time. The building has extensive damage and most if not all of it will have to be torn down. The part that did not burn has smoke or water damage. The cause of the fire is unknown. The total cost is not known at this time. Can it be replaced? Yes! At Harvest Temple the members are convinced that though the building burned, the church – which is really the people – is still very much alive.

Harvest Temple will continue to have church services on the premises. We have a good-sized fellowship building. Mobile homes are being set up on the property for Sunday School classes, GEMS, and Royal Rangers.

Romans 8:28 tells us that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. We already see God at work on behalf of the church. Seven new members have joined and donations are coming in to help rebuild. Pray for Harvest Temple and Rev. and Mrs. Jones as we meet the challenge ahead of us to rebuild. The challenge is great, but we serve a great God who promises He'll always be there.

Christian Education Section, Harvest Temple PH Church – April 23, 1998

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

My friend, Emeler, has helped me with housekeeping for more than twenty years. Every Friday she shows up faithfully at 9 a.m. to see that the vacuuming and scrubbing and other weekly chores are handled. Often we will set aside a special day to do other particular chores. Such is the case this week. With the pretty warm weather and sunshine, I decided it is time to wash windows again. As any homemaker knows, that is not a most favorite job. However, I have a date with Emeler tomorrow to clean the windows. I must tell you that, even though Emeler is 70 years old, she prefers to climb the ladder and clean the outside as I clean the inside.

Emeler is a dear godly woman, and much of our time together is spent in conversation regarding spiritual matters. She is a student of the Bible and one of the best examples of what a true Christian should be that I have ever known. She finds spiritual meaning in the everyday experiences of life. As I was thinking of her this morning and remembering our date to wash windows tomorrow, I began to think about the spiritual lesson from the window-washing chore.

As I view the windows now, several months of dust and spots have accumulated on the outside. The insides of the windows are also dusty and have collected fingerprints and smudges. Even though the sun is shining brightly outside, there seems to be a bit of a haze as it reflects on the glass panes. How like me this scenario is! For if I neglect my spiritual life, I become spotty and smudged too. If my life is coated with the filthiness of the world, then the SON can't shine clearly through me either.

But tomorrow, the Lord willing, Emeler and I will take care of these windows. We'll get out the Windex and paper towels, and with a little "elbow grease" we'll wash and polish the windows until they sparkle. When we are finished, the golden beams of sunlight will shine clearly through, brightening the inside of the house.

That's the way I want to be! I want to be clean and pure before God so that the light of Jesus can shine brightly through my life. I want to reflect the full beauty of the Lord and not have it hindered or hazed in any way. In order to do so, I must allow God to cleanse me thoroughly from all unrighteousness.

There are a few of the windows in our house that we can't clean with Windex and paper towels. The seal around the two glass panels has been broken, thus allowing condensation to gather between them. This condensation has caused quite an ugly formation there. The only way to clean these is to take them apart, clean, and reseal them. Sometimes, I have to be taken apart too. I allow little bubbles of this-and-that to seep into my attitude and inner spirit. When this happens, I have to go to the master "fixer" and, like David, ask Him to create in me a clean heart and a right spirit. I have to ask the Lord to seal me with a fresh anointing of His Holy Spirit.

There are lessons to be learned even in the mundane daily chores around the house. Thank you, Emeler, for teaching me to look for spiritual application in every area of my life.

TO A HUSBAND...

The following article was sent to me along with a note reading, "I thought of Joe when I read this." This being the month of Father's Day, I share this article (with a few adaptations) for the men in our lives. WM Directors in the local churches can also relate to this, so I hope you will share it with your husbands as well.

A worthy husband of a "Woman of the Church" who can find? For his price is above rubies.

Especially when he is the husband of the Women's Ministries Director!

The heart of his wife trusteth him,

She dependeth upon his judgment and advice when perplexing problems arise in her WM work.

And he is a tower of strength to her at all times.

He doeth her good and not evil all the four years of her term of office.

He worketh willingly with his hands around the house when she has to attend meetings.

He keepeth the house in order, he washeth the dishes, he feedeth the cat and dog.

He gathereth up the laundry, he watereth the flowers daily.

And he even prepareth his own meals rather than eat out or with kin or friends.

He worketh willingly as chauffeur, driving to out-of-the-way places in the Conference to attend WM meetings, never complaining of either traffic or inclement weather (well, not too much anyway!).

He riseth early to get into the morning mail numerous letters and cards which his wife has "burned the midnight oil" to write, often against his wishes.

He continually goeth to sleep to the music of a tapping computer keyboard.

He sitteth up late many evenings at meetings to which he accompanieth his wife.

Lo, he is even generous in praise of what taketh place at them and pretendeth, at least, to have a pleasant and profitable time.

He provideth money from his modest income for necessary WM expenditures when he knoweth expense funds are scarce.

He generously lendeth both his office secretary and his copier when they are needed.

Understanding and patience are his clothing.

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For he considereth his wife's work important, even though it is "Woman's Work"

And is in sympathy with all she tries to accomplish.

He encourageth her with just enough praise to be good for her and giveth it at just the right time;

He is most patient with a very tired and, therefore, very unreasonable woman.

He helpeth her to be a better officer with loving constructive cricitism;

He taketh her out to eat upon occasion, although he is ever satisfied to eat a hastily prepared meal on the kitchen table.

He arrangeth his business and personal plans when possible so that she can have the family car for WM meetings.

He openeth his mouth with wisdom and she is usually sorry when she heedeth him not.

The law of kindness is on his tongue and he often adviseth her to speak or write kindly rather than critically.

His wife riseth up and calleth him blessed.

And she praiseth him, saying, Many husbands have done worthily, but thou excellest them all!

Charm is deceitful and handsomeness is vain;

But a husband that still loveth his wife after she has been WM Director for two years or more, he shall be praised!!!

Let his wife praise him to the Women's Ministries, and may God bless him and reward him as he so richly deserveth.

(Adapted from *The Methodist Woman)*

This is a tribute to Joe, my very supportive and tolerant husband. The photo is proof as it shows him busily stuffing envelopes for one of my WM mailings. He's the best!!!

Linda

HAPPY HEARTS EXPANDING

The Happy Hearts ministry for senior WM ladies has expanded. Because of tremendous growth, the Happy Hearts are now meeting in three different geographic areas. At the April meetings, the meeting in Lumberton was attended by 26 ladies, the meeting in Greenville was attended by 66, and the meeting in Smithfield had 96 present. Each meeting was a special time of fellowship and worship. Mrs. Linda Thomas, Mrs. Jean Williams, and Mrs. Leota Ward were the respective speakers for the three meetings.

Mrs. Jean Williams shares with us from her devotional at the Greenville meeting:

My Aunt Alice recently sent me an article entitled *Life Begins at 80*, in which the author proclaims all the nice things about being that age. Everyone may not feel the excitement of my Aunt Alice at being 80. Among some there is anxiety about growing older...as reflected in a question a New York reader sent to the famed author, Malcolm Boyd. He asked, "What decisions or actions can we take to make our aging process easier?" Malcolm Boyd replied, "Think positively. Plan carefully. Take good care of your mind. Take good care of your soul."

Charles Spurgeon, the British minister, in his commentary on Psalm 71 pictures two ships that have been in long voyages at sea. Three or four years out, they have gone through hot climates and cold and have run through many difficulties and great storms. Yet, they have been kept alive at sea. And as they speak when they meet at sear near the haven, how they congratulate each other!

Spurgeon advises, "Old disciples, like ships, should do so. Reflecting on their voyages should move them to bless God and congratulate each other when they meet...because God has kept grace alive in their souls."

Most of us remember Psalm 71 and David's prayer. In it we see David's desire to live his remaining years with one major purpose. That was to live to declare God's might to the next generation and God's power to all who are to come.

The April issue of *Vitality Magazine* reports longevity researchers say the average American life span has been expanded by nearly 30 years. Should we be beneficiaries of those expanded years, what will be our desire? Will it be to just be happy with the accolades people extend because of our many years? Will we be content to congratulate each other that we weathered the storms and have been kept by God's grace? OR CAN WE PRAY DAVID'S PRAYER and embrace his purpose to live the expanded years to declare God's truth to the next generations?

I will tell you this purpose presents a significant challenge. The belief system of the contemporary youth culture is not the traditional Christian system. Our youth have been taught in schools, universities, and by the media that there is no such thing as absolute truth and that the Bible was written by men long ago and filled with errors and therefore not pertinent to their generation. This generation has been left searching for something – answers and a place to belong. When they find that place they align themselves with the belief system of that community or tribal group. Though they tend to reject Biblical truths, we know there is a God-shaped hole in the soul, and only God can fill it.

It has been observed that those modeling integrity, humility, servanthood, and the fruit of the Spirit can and do make an impact on the contemporary youth culture. Recently a newscaster said, "This is an image culture, a culture searching for an image-modeling life to emulate. What is seen, more than what is said, will touch this generation."

So I conclude with this appeal: Let our desire be to live a loving Fruit-of-the-Spirit life and be truly concerned about our attitudes and the way we live before this searching, homeless generation.

SHARING SISTERS

Have you made your plans yet for that special event? June is Sharing Sisters month and you certainly do not want to cheat your W.M. group by failing to meet for a wonderful time of fellowship, prayer, and sharing with your Sharing Sister W.M. June is a beautiful time of the year to enjoy one of the following:

Garden Party

Meet at the home of one of your ladies who has a flower garden and allow her to show it

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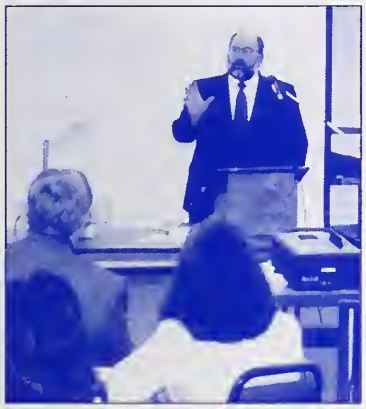
Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY TRAINING

The Conference Archives Director, Chris Thompson, reports that history was made in Falcon again on March 28, 1998. More than 100 people gathered to discuss how the history of the local church, conference, and denomination could be preserved. It was a great day.



A special guest and main presenter was Dr. Harold Hunter of Oklahoma City. Dr. Hunter serves as the Archivist of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Dr. Hunter had invited Dr. Daniel Woods of Virginia to share as a co-presenter. He is shown in the photograph. Dr. Woods shared the thoughts on the "gift" controversy within the early Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The conference is making some major steps to preserve its history. Each local church is asked to write a Local Church History. An Archives Center is being established in Falcon. Materials are also being sent to the National Church Archives in Oklahoma City. The Octagon Tabernacle is being refurbished for this year's Centennial Celebration. God is at work. "We can only go forward as we remember the past."

GET ACQUAINTED WITH OUR HISPANIC MINISTERS

For the next few months the *Evangel* wil be introducing several of the conference's Hispanic ministers. The first listed (firts to get in his testimony) is one fine man of God. He is Pastor Francisco Concepcion of the Igblesia Genesis Hispana Santidad Pencostal Church in Wake County. The church shares the use of the Genesis P.H. Church building. Pastor Concepcion serves on the Conference Hispanic Credentials and Planning Committee. He is a leader!

PASTOR FRANCISCO CONCEPCION

"Come out of you land, you and your family, and I will bless you!"

In the decade of the 1980's the hand of God was upon me. I received the calling of God. At the time I was involved in secular business. My business was prospering according to the order of man. I obeyed the voice of God and left for the island of Puerto Rico. In this country God poured out His grace and I ministered with the Assemblies of God in the position of teacher. Yet the most significant thing was the God took us to the streeets, slums, and hospitals saving hundreds of souls. My story would be incomplete if I would fail to tell you that of all that God gave me (and most important God gave me in this country) was my companion in ministry. My wife, Awilda Concepcion, she is my other half and part. I give thousands of thanks to God for her.

Pastor Concepcion

After eight years of living there the call of God came to leave Puerto Rico. Leaving all behind, we journeyed to the U.S.A. One of the other things God saw fit to give us was our American citizenship. This was like the Apostle Paul in the city of Rome so that we could better travel with freedom to other places. In obedience my wife and I left Puerto Rico with our children to the city of Providence, Rhode Island, at the end of 1988. In this place the Shekinah of God was demonstrated. We preached the gospel in season and out of season, in the streets, slums, hospitals, and many received eternal life. From there we were able to go to the countries of Guatemala, Mexico, Haiti, Venezuela, and Santo Domingo. I went there fulfilling the role of an evangelist. We brought help to the poor, orphaned, and the helpless. But more than anything God saved thousands of lives (souls) needing salvation.

Then again I heard the voice of God after being in this state for six years. My family was much larger now and I had a secular job that was very good. Yet, God spoke and said, "You must leave. For you have a work to do in the south of the United States." This word was confirmed by men and women of God and by God's prophets. The life of a Christian is a constant challenge. It is better to obey God than man. I presented my resignation in the month of September, 1995. My witness was Rololfo Olivio. The administrator thought I had gone crazy, for my salary with the raise was very significant. Yet I obeyed God and resigned. On Ocotber 17, 1995, I decided to depart, leaving everything behind on my job. That same day God gathered eight ministers, pastors, and evangelists and with many tears we all hugged and a bottle of oil was poured over my car since I didn't even know where I was to go. All I knew was that I was going to the south. Three days later we were on Highway 95. We arrived in North Carolina very tired since our car had been our home and McDonald's the place where we washed our faces. We arrived at the city of Raleigh, a place that was unknown to me, yet known to God. The Holy Spirit confirmed to us that He wanted us here. This was where we got to know the International Pentecostal Holiness Church through our brother, Tony Ortiz. Since I had been an ordained minister in Rhode Island, I was received as an ordained minister in August, 1996, by the North Carolina Conference. There I met people that are very special to God who have been of much edification to and my family, such as the members of the board; my esteemed brother, Rev. T. Elwood Long, Superintendent; and my esteemed brother,

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Chris Thompson, Assistant Superintendent and Director of World Evanglism. I also met another man of God, my pastor, Vernon Potter. Through this brother the doors were opened to the calling of God. On July 8, we cried out with shouts of glory to God for our first service. This history of the genuine calling is not finished because you, beloved brothers, are a testimony of this calling. There is a lot of ground to cover, and you form an intimate part of God. Together we will conquer the Kingdom of God. I bless you and keep you in perfect peace.

Briefly I would like to make special recognition of my beloved fellow ministers of God: Manuel de Villar, who helped start together with us; Eddy Concepcion and Rodolfo Olivo, who were also pioneers with us. God bless each of you and your family. God bless the PHC and leaders. God bless the United States of America.

1998 EVANGELISM RALLIES

Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Director of Evangelism USA, did a fantastic job in speaking at the Spring Evangelism Rallies (District Conferences). He is shown here speaking to the Hispanic Evangelism Rally. That was one powerful service with a mighty move of God.

Pastor Francisco Concepcion, Iglesia Genesis Hispana Santidad Pentcostal, is shown here receiving the gift certificate for his church being the statistical winner for all Hispanic churches in 1997. As one can tell, he was excited about it.

God is at work among our 19 Hispanic preaching points.

NEW MISSIONARY

God is at work in our conference. He recently called one of our own to Israel, Brother Mike Oliver from the Roper Church. Mike is a fine young man. He will be licensed to preach in June. He is going over to Israel for a short-term for the remainder of the year. Afterwards he will return home to itinerate to be a full-fledged missionary. Praise the Lord for this, our "first" missionary to Israel.

Mike Oliver

Mike needs funds for the short-term trip. Long-term he needs monthly support as a regular missionary. He needs some short-term funds immediately. Funds may be sent through the regular channels.

Below is Mike's testimony:

"I answered the call to ministry on July 23, 1995, while at work on the 4 to 11 shift at Dupont in Kinston. It was a Sunday. God filled me and equipped me that night. Since then he has used me to preach, teach, and sing at home and overseas. I have been to Israel twice, once on tour and once for an extended missionary trip that lasted for five weeks. I went in the name of the Lord, alone, but God's presence was with me in a mighty way. I lived among the Muslims in what today is Al Lazaria, West Bank, but in the time of Christ it was known as Bethany, the home of Mary and Martha. (That is just two miles from Jerusalem.) During that time I was able to minister to Palestinian and Hebrew believers and non-believers alike. It was one of the most powerful experiences of my life as a Christian. Since that time I have also been to Jamaica twice, once for a VBS with Rev. Ann Baines for a week, and then later for a month to help an independent church with its ministry in St. Anne's Bay. That experience also taught me valuable lessons about ministry and being around others who are different and at times strange. (All of these trips took place in 1997; God has done a quick work.)

Currently I am working on my Minister's License with the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and have been approved by the World Missions board to work at our Coffee House in Jerusalem. I am planning to be there from August through December of this year. On June 27, 1998, I am to be married. My fianceé's name is Jennifer Roscoe. She is a fine young Christian woman who loves God with all her heart. She is to accompany me to Jerusalem in August. She is an equal part of this ministry. In fact, her talents far outweight mine.

Our desire for the future, subject to change if God calls otherwise, is to plant churches in Israel. Our priority is Jerusalem, but other places like Tel Aviv, Haifa, Tiberias, and Beersheva need the same. Jennifer holds the same love for Israel and the Jews as I do, herself being of Jewish descent through her maternal grandmother. I do not know why God has chosen me for such blessings and responsibilities, but through Christ I am able and because of Christ I am grateful. For it is he "who works anyway. To God be the glory and praise forever. PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM."

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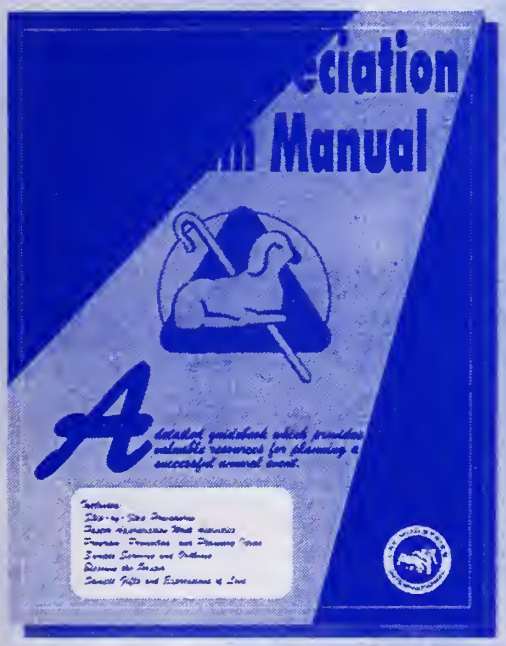

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interest of our young as well as their religious interests. They need us. Don't make it easy for them to stray.

"It is time to plow up the big meadows." We must not only cultivate the fields and gardens around the immediate vicinity! Go to the big meadows. Our outreach must invade other people groups with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. The business of the church is reaching souls. The world is the big meadow, and we must go!

"You may expect a visit from me very soon now." The landowner would be returning to receive an account of his servant's work and to inspect the harvest, to see with what diligence his commands had been carried out. Even so our Lord has promised to come again!

I heard the story of a carpenter who was ready to retire. The contractor asked, "Please build one more house." Grumbling and disgusted at the boss, the carpenter said, "He doesn't appreciate my labors. I'll build this last one shabbily." When he had finished and presented the keys to the employer, excitedly the contractor stated, "You've been so faithful, I want you to live in this house!"

Are we occupying as we ought?

Women's Ministries
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off. Have her give gardening tips and success stories.

Hat Fashion Show

Have each lady come wearing her favorite hat (even if it is one she wears in the garden or on the fishing pier). Have each lady fashion her hat and explain why it is so special to her. This can be a time of reminiscing and laughter.

Cook Out

Enjoy some hamburgers, chicken, or steaks together.

Ice Cream Social

Make your own, or bring all the different ingredients and make ice cream sundaes. YUMMY YUMMY!

Dessert Fellowship

Prepare your favorite dessert, and bring along your recipe to share with the other ladies.

Collection Show

Most ladies have a collection of figurines. Enjoy a "show and tell." Have each lady bring one or two figurines from their collection and share why they developed an interest in their particular item.

The ideas are endless! I realize everyone has a very busy schedule, but I believe you will find it well worth your time and effort. You will have so much fun that you will want to get together more than once a year!

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Sharing Sisters Director

SHARING SISTERS REPORT

On Saturday, March 25, 1998, approximately 45 women from the Tarboro First Women's Ministries and the Scotland Neck Women's Ministries came together to celebrate Sharing Sisters Day. This special day of spiritual refreshing and renewal began with a brunch. Our theme for the day was "Welcome to God's Garden," based on I Corinthians 3:7-7: "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase, so then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters, but God who gives the increase." We were delighted to have with us Evangelist Joyce Potter who preached a powerful message entitled "The Anointing." The presence of God was evident throughout the morning and into the afternoon as prophetic messages were given, hearts touched, and lives changed! Belinda Nolen from Greenville, N.C., was our featured soloist. Belinda's ministry of music fed the souls of the women and filled the atmosphere with praise. The anointing of God moving through Joyce and Belinda overflowed on to all the women creating a symphony of joy, laughter, praise, and glory to God.

Shelley Greene
Local WM Director
Tarboro First PHC

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1998 "GO" OFFERING

The days are fast going by. The time to receive the 1998 Global Outreach Offering is here. The Conference goal is $200,000 – a 10% increase over last year. The U.S.A. goal is $1,225,000.00.

The annual Global Outreach Offering is vital to church planting and new field evangelism in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The offering helps to provide the opportunity to unite with Christians worldwide in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year's offering will be used to plant new churches in the United States in Chicago; Virginia Beach; Denver; Salt Lake City; Jonesboro, AR; Albuquerque, NM; and Sidney, MN. Part of the offering will be used overseas for Lima, Peru; Honduras; London, England; Yangoon, Myanmar; and various other projects.

The big thrust this year is for individuals to give a day's wage. Director Thompson is personally recruiting 150 church leaders to give a day's wage – pastors, evangelists, and local missions directors. May this goal be surpassed. This offering is always crucial to the success of the World Missions Program.

MOLLIE CULBRETH EVANS MISSION HOME

NEW KITCHEN FLOOR

Praise the Lord for Pastor Marty Warren and the Maranatha Church. They have donated a new kitchen floor for the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home in Falcon. The floor is beautiful. Pastor Warren did an excellent job installing the floor himself. This donation is deeply appreciated.

Our next resident of the home will be missionary Betty Rogers. She returns home from Africa in June and she will remain in the home while on furlough until January.

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - March 1998

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1700	----	628	----	650	505
Kinston First	634	----	325	----	321	332
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	217	----	100	75
The First	360	----	209	----	150	160
Tarboro First	214	----	204	----	185	184
The Capital	350	----	185	----	170	214
Mt. Carmel	349	----	173	----	209	128
Clinton	316	----	1272	----	268	190
Gospel Tabernacle	548	20	171	14	449	395
Stedman	282	----	155	----	208	140
Whitley	269	----	152	----	248	228
St. Pauls	167	40	146	60	132	130
Chadbourn	220	----	139	----	174	105
Wilson First	192	----	139	----	80	90
Shiloh	289	40	130	40	189	99
Peniel	261	----	126	----	109	76
Grace Family Fellowship	209	----	125	----	191	141
Culbreth Memorial	206	25	121	20	169	62
St. Paul	156	----	119	----	40	----
Harvest Temple	188	65	115	39	132	77
Benson	167	48	115	21	140	84
Harkers Island	133	----	114	----	67	56
Smyrna	106	----	105	----	101	67
Williamston	154	10	103	10	107	94
Belfast	135	----	103	----	97	71
Graham Memorial	100	----	101	----	100	82
Evangel	210	19	99	15	105	52
Lumberton	322	14	97	9	140	83
Roanoke Rapids	260	37	95	43	40	40
Brentwood	135	----	93	----	150	139
Wallace	229	----	93	----	84	87
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Millenium	142	36	86	37	90	49
Baywood	120	----	81	----	67	72
Pikes Crossroads	187	32	76	32	145	60
Roper	101	----	75	----	96	60
Westview	113	----	72	----	101	47
Sanford First	94	----	72	----	49	52
Kenly	114	----	70	----	----	----
New Bern First	126	----	70	----	97	40
Boardman	210	----	68	----	201	17
Mt. Olive (GD)	80	----	67	----	----	----
Sharon	99	1	67	1	43	34
Maranatha	90	----	66	----	50	83
Hobgood	100	----	66	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	136	----	64	----	----	----
Hollands Chapel	71	----	60	----	30	24
Taylors Chapel	107	----	60	----	----	----
Thomas Chapel	126	----	59	----	66	28
Stantonsburg	102	----	59	----	----	----
Midway	116	----	58	----	85	41
Nakina	82	----	58	----	14	14
Moores Chapel	106	----	57	----	83	40
Gethsemane	154	----	55	----	48	43
Tyndall Grove	75	----	55	----	30	25
Black Creek	67	----	54	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	168	18	54	18	91	46
Emmanuel	97	----	53	----	60	59
Winterville	76	----	53	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	52	----	59	30
Wilmington	142	----	52	----	142	33
Bethel	86	----	51	----	----	----
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Reelsboro	108	50	49	44	64	32
Hamilton	84	----	49	----	----	----
Rehoboth	139	----	48	----	----	----
Jacksonville	76	----	48	----	30	15
Selma	67	----	47	----	----	----
Shiloh	90	----	47	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	84	----	46	----	----	----
The Genesis	90	----	46	----	----	----
Snow Hill	56	----	46	----	----	----
Goshen	77	----	46	----	31	27
Bridgeton	84	----	46	----	----	----
Higher Ground	104	----	46	----	59	46
Friendship WD	96	----	44	----	64	32
Thunder Swamp	89	----	44	----	11	11
Ebenezer	57	----	42	----	35	30
Niagara	155	----	42	----	33	23
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Westmoreland	146	----	37	----	102	49
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New Vision	53	----	32	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	32	----	28	24
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Hopewell	24	----	27	----	29	30
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New Hope	23	----	25	----	----	----
Calvary LD	39	----	25	----	----	----
Cedar Point	49	----	24	----	26	22
Lamm's Grove	47	----	24	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	23	----	----	----
Trinity NBD	65	----	23	----	60	15
Sonlight	20	20	20	26	22	21
Middlesex	17	----	20	----	----	----
Grifton	41	----	18	----	30	----
Clayton	21	6	18	6	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	17	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	16	----	20	15
Calvary Temple	23	----	16	----	----	----
Alert	55	----	14	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	12	----	19	----
Vicks Chapel	15	----	10	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	9	----	----	----
Belhaven	----	----	8	----	----	----
Wakelon	11	----	7	----	----	----
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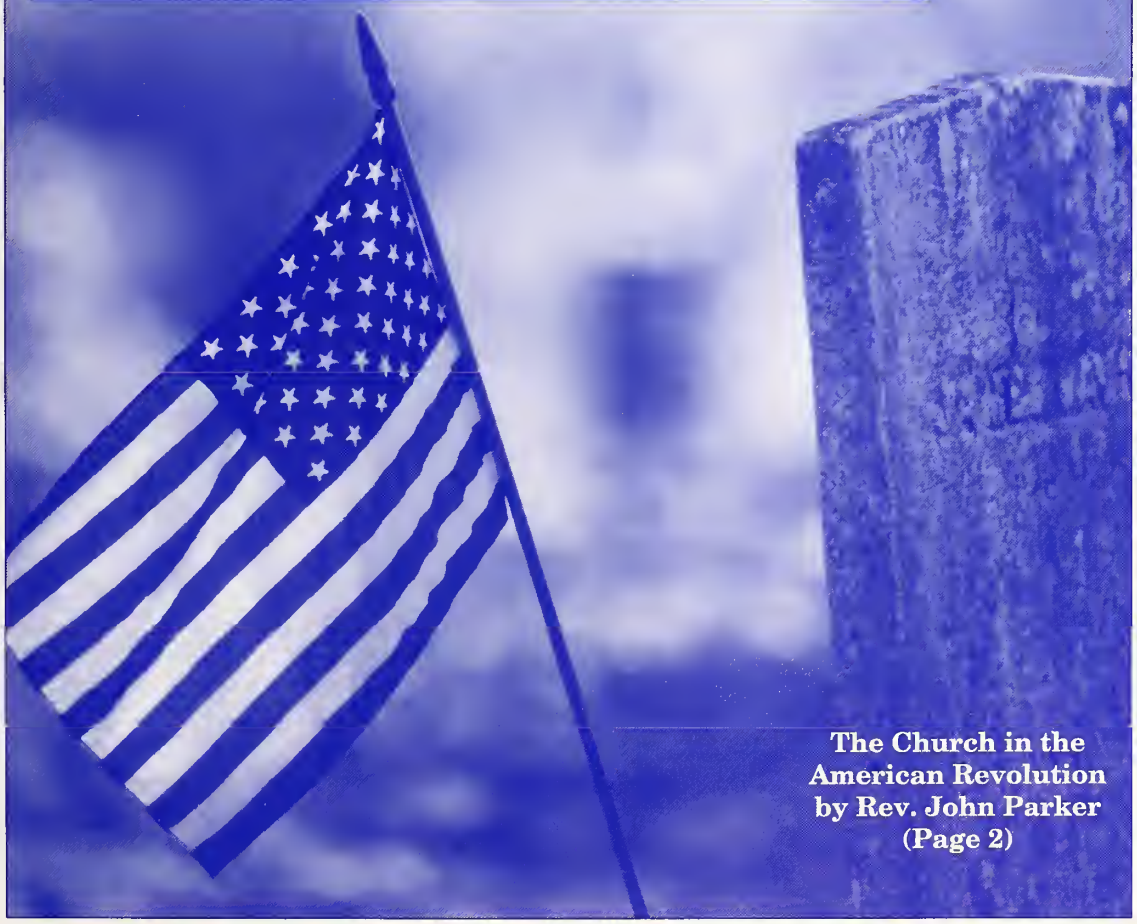
Alexis de Tocqueville
DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA (1835)



The Church in the American Revolution by Rev. John Parker (Page 2)

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

The following article was written by missionary-statesman, Rev. John B. Parker, of Dunn, N.C. Brother Parker and missionary wife, Edna, have ministered in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church since the 1940s. Mr. Parker currently serves as Hispanic Coordinator for this Conference.

It is imperative that the church stand up for the freedoms fought for and won by our foreparents in the faith. I trust the reprint of this article will spur each reader to Biblically spiritual action in defense of our freedom. "The Church in the American Revolution" was first printed in the June 17, 1976, ***Advocate*** *of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.*

THE CHURCH IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By Rev. John Parker

The revolt of the American colonies against England in 1776 was not the mindless reaction of a society gone mad, but the breaking of a mighty wave that had been building for 150 years. While the King and Parliament systematically tightened the grip of empire on the far-flung dominions of the Crown, the American colonists embarked on a crusade of individual freedom and self-government. Diverging courses were bound to break apart. Though the struggle was political and economic, there were religious factors that had tempered the American mind toward a new destiny; a destiny which became a transcendent object of reverence and a sacred trust to keep.

On the eve of the Revolution, three religious factors had helped create an atmosphere favorable to rebellion. The Great Awakening (1730-1750) had blurred the denominational lines among the dissenter groups, lessening their sectarian tensions. It had also drawn many adherents away from the Anglican church, weakening the chains which bound the colonists to England.

In the Quebec Act of 1774, Parliament granted toleration to French Catholics and extended Quebec territory southward into the land wedge between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This caused extreme agitation among the colonists, for it brought Popish influences incomfortably close to Protestant New England and the Middle Colonies. Furthermore, dissenter groups vehemently objected to the Anglican threat to establish an episcopate in America, for this would bring increased interference from Parliament.

Leading the vanguard for independence were the Congregational Churches, described as "firebrands for liberty." One Loyalist labeled them as "wicked," "malicious," and "inflammatory," their pulpits converted into "gutters of sedition," having substituted politics for the gospel. And New England clergymen did more than preach in favor of revolution. John Cleaveland of Ipswich, Massachusetts, persuaded his entire parish to enlist, and then enlisted himself. David Avery of Windsor, Vermont, called his congregation to arms, bade them farewell, and marched away at the head of a score of volunteers, enlisting others along the way.

There was no doubt as to where the Presbyterians stood. Though the Synod of New York and Pennsylvania had disavowed any "intention of inflaming the minds of the people, or urging them to acts of violence and disorder," they heartily endorsed the Continental Congress as the elected representatives of the people. John Hughes, stamp distributor for Pennsylvania, reported in 1775 that "bigoted Presbyterians were ripe for the rebellion when they poisoned the minds of the people enough." The Hanover Presbytery in Virginia was the first religious group to officially accept the Declaration of Independence, a document whose signers included only one minister, a Presbyterian.

The Lutherans were not too well organized in the Colonies, but one family, the Muhlenbergs, gave outstanding leadership in the cause for freedom. A son, John Peter Muhlenberg, rose in his pulpit the Sunday after Bunker Hill and told his congregation that "in the language of Holy Writ, there is a time to preach and a time to fight; and now is the time to fight." He then removed his pulpit vestments and stood before his people in the full uniform of a Virginia colonel.

Baptists everywhere and in great numbers supported the rebellion. Persecuted under the English laws, they favored a cause which promised to give them liberty of conscience. Many of their meeting houses were burned and their ministers imprisoned by the British during the war.

In 1776, Methodism numbered only 19 preachers and 3,148 members. They were generally regarded as unpatriotic, due to pronouncements made by John Wesley. He at first disapproved of British repressive measures but changed his

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mind after reading Dr. Samuel Johnson's "Taxation no Tyranny." Wesley then wrote "A Calm Address to the American Colonies," condemning their actions against the crown, urging them to lay down their arms. By 1778, every Methodist minister sent out by Wesley had left America except Francis Asbury, who was in forced retirement. Though some Methodists went over to the patriot side, their contributions were not sufficient to remove from Methodism the unpatriotic stigma that fell upon it.

Most of the Anglican clergy were loyal to the King, many of them fleeing to Canada and England. Those who remained obeyed the dictates of necessity and were known for their peaceful submission and quiet deportment. Public opinion made loyalist sermons extremely dangerous. But one who braved the danger was Jonathan Boucher who was bodily removed from his pulpit by a group of malcontents. He later returned and preached for six months with two loaded pistols on the cushon in front of the pulpit, offering to meet violence with violence.

A majority of the Anglican laymen supported the Revolution, and their pulpits supplied the third highest number of chaplains to the patriot cause. Two-thirds of signers of the Declaration of Independence were of the Anglican faith, as were some of the most prominent leaders: George Washington, James Madison, Patrick henry, John Marshall, and Alexander Hamilton.

Though churches cannot be held responsible for precipitating the American Revolution, they did contribute a "religious temper" which bred discontent with the old order. The politics of the churches favored democracy and republicanism, for where religious liberty is found in part, a demand for political freedom will come in like manner. The Christian churches supported the cause for independence because of their profound conviction that every man has the right to live and worship his God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

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CHURCH NEWS

NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Some of the changes in the ministerial roster and places of service that have occurred this spring include:

Pastorates:

Harvest Temple, New Bern – Rev. John Slye

Wades Point – Rev. Dean Fulford (Dean married a wife too. Congratulate him and Robin.)

Clayton – Rev. Luke Long (Luke also married a bride! She is the former Heather Lee, granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Doner Lee and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lee of the Capital Church in Garner, NC. Congratulate Luke and Heather.)

Jones Grove – Rev. Anthony Rogers

Wakelon – Rev. Lester C. Jarrett

Goshen – Rev. Stanley King

Lumberton First – Rev. T. Gregory Long

Wilmington – Rev. Paul Evans

Spring Hope – Rev. Sidney Webb

St. Matthew – Rev. Jimmy Swinson

Calvary – Rev. Jewell Robert Sanders

Faith Family Fellowship Mission – (to be organized) Rev. Phillip Bland

New Bern First – Rev. Gary Webber

Ayden – Rev. Samuel Weaver, Sr.

Calvary – Rev. Steve Enloe (Brother Enloe continues to serve as a prison chaplain)

Peniel – Rev. Jeff Bartlett

Thunder Swamp – Rev. Jeremy Banks

Those credentialed by the Conference Board:

Mrs. Pam Kesling – Christian Education Minister's License

Harrell Norman Weathersby – Local Church Minister's License

Stanley King – Minister's License

Jewell Robert Sanders – Minister's License

Church names changed:

Evangelistic Temple in Cary is now Grace Church (a Pentecostal Holiness Church)

Evangel has changed their name to Evangel Community Church – Pentecostal Holiness.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Rev. Mrs. Mozelle Dowd . . . . . July 4
Rev. Sherrill Pope . . . . . July 4
Rev. M. R. Britton . . . . . July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall . . . . . July 19
Rev. Ezra Fann . . . . . July 27

SUPERANNUATE BENEFIT INCREASE

The Conference Board is pleased to announce a $1.00 per service year increase in the monthly check of superannuate recipients. This will take effect July 1, 1998. Our "retired" friends are past due this consideration, but we had to wait until the recommendations of the actuarial study had been complied with. It is because of the faithful support of our churches and ministers that we could do this. Praise God!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION

The 1998 Quadrennial Women's Ministries Convention is now history. The ladies had an exciting uplifting celebration of worship. International Pentecostal Holiness Women's Ministries Director, Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, delivered a challenging message.

Officers elected for the coming quadrennium are:
Director – Mrs. Linda Thomas
Assistant Director – Mrs. Janice Marshburn
Secretary-Treasurer – Mrs. Patsy Deese
Board Member – Mrs. Phyllis Harrell
Board Member – Miss Meshelder Richardson

Mrs. Thomas, a committed powerful leader, enters her second term as director. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Holly Hill Pentecostal Church in Vanceboro, NC. Mrs. Susan Parker had completed her first term as assistant director, but she decided to retire from the area of service. She was highly decorated and acclaimed for her many years of service to Women's Ministries. She deserves every expression of praise!

Mrs. Parker, a member of Sanford First, is succeeded in office by a vibrant young lady, Mrs. Janice Marshburn. Janice is a member of the Jacksonville, NC, Church. She has served since 1994 as a Board Member. Mrs. Marshburn is active in the Jacksonville church and holds a Local Church Minister's License (formerly Mission Worker's License). She is a candidate for Conference Minister's License at the upcoming session on July 23 and 24, 1998.

Mrs. Patsy Deese, Secretary-Treasurer, is a member of Maranatha church in Beaufort. This dedicated servant whose efficiency is obvious enters her second term in her present office.

Mrs. Phyllis Harrell, wife of conference secretary-treasurer, Rev. Roland Harrell, is now entering her second term as a Board Member. Among the many talents she brings to the board is her experience in the pastorate for so many years as she faithfully served with her pastor/husband.

Miss Meshelder Richardson is a member of the Genesis Church in Knightdale. Miss Richardson is an outstanding young lady who has been with this young church since its infancy. She is a competent, committed servant of Jesus Christ who brings a rich experience as a Women's Ministries District Director. She is an inspiring addition to the Women's Ministries Board.

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The Quadrennial Conference is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, July 23 and 24. Registration in the front foyer of the Tabernacle will be available beginning about 8:15 a.m., Thursday. The conference Session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Voting membership is as follows: *(Page 61, D. 1,b)* **"Each conference shall be composed of the conference superintendent, official board of each conference department, ordained ministers, licensed ministers, licensed local church ministers under pastoral appointment, (formerly licensed mission workers), the spouses of current pastors, full-time evangelists, and conference appointees, and at least one delegate from each local church, but no more than one for every (50) members or major fraction thereof, all licensed Christian Education directors, and all licensed ministers of music. The members of the General Board of Administration are members when they are present."**

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In the past, the Conference Christian Education Convention has elected the C.E. Board. However, this session of the Quadrennial Conference will elect the Church Education Ministries Board for the next four years.

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The Piney Grove Camp Meeting is set for August 20-30 (Thursday through two Sundays). Evangelist Terry Tramel is the guest speaker each evening at 7:30 and 11:00 on Sunday. Come and enjoy a great revival in this historical rustic setting. Please call pastor Ronnie Gurganus of Hodges Chapel at 919-846-9122 for more information.

SPRING HOPE CHURCH NEWS

On April 22, a very special event took place at Spring Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The 50th Anniversary celebration was bustling with

Peggy Mooring, Rev. Elmer R. Mooring, Reginald E. Sherrod, and Rev. T. E. Long admire the plaque presented to the Moorings.

excitement as Rev. Thad White had taken the pulpit to start the services of the week.

He made the statement that he got more out of Spring Hope Church than they got out of him, and that was his wife, Sally.

On Thursday night, Rev. Reuben Mosley brought the message. The family of Rev. Lotis Joyner did the special singing. There were many people blessed.

Friday night, the crowd was getting larger. Rev. Elton Lancaster broke the Bread of Life to us. The Mooring family provided worshipful music.

Saturday night, the church building was almost full with the Oak Grove Boys in concert at 6:00 p.m. A favorite member of the church, Brother Glenn Carlyle, who is in the Air Force stationed in Maryland, sang a special song before Rev. Walter B. Satterfield took the podium for a soul-feeding message.

He reminded us about someone stealing his car while he was pastoring at Spring Hope. Everyone was blessed and revived.

Book markers and pencils were passed out to everyone.

The members and former pastors were given a booklet on the church's history.

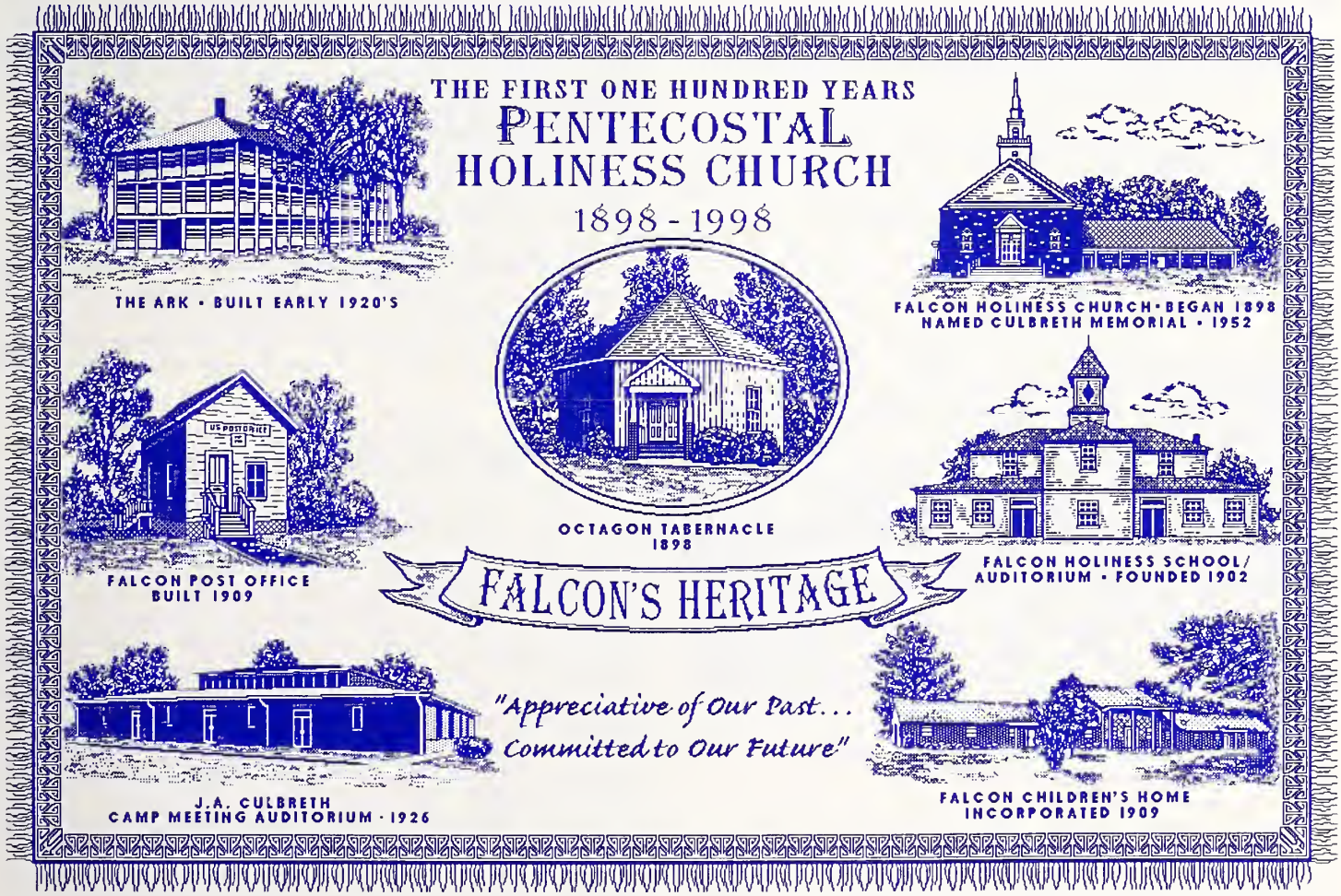
Sunday was a very special day for everyone. Some very special people were present that day. The Jenkins family of Jacksonville, NC, presented a gospel music concert from 10:00-11:00 a.m. A very welcome speaker at the 11:00 service was our conference superintendent Rev. T. E. Long.

At 11:45, we had a very lovely guest speaker and sing to our youth, Miss North Carolina, Michell Warren. She was a surprise guest. At 12:10 Rev. T. E. Long came back to the pulpit to read the church history.

Retiring pastor Rev. Elmer Mooring and his wife were presented some money and a plaque for 16 years of very hard work and dedication. This was his last service at Spring Hope.

After the dismissal prayer, we gathered in the fellowship hall for a fine lunch.

Everyone was blessed to hear that Rev. Sidney B. Webb is to be pastor of Spring Hope. We welcome his family.



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Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA

It's hard to believe that we are embarking upon a new quadrennium and facing a period in history that will take us from the 20th century into the 21st century. Yet, as we ponder the future, it is important to remember the past as well. I am reminded of my Grandmother, whom we all called Mammy Jones. She was born prior to the 20th century, in 1886. She lived to be 98 years old. To give you a little insight as to the kind of person Mammy was, I share with you the poem which I wrote for her funeral service.

There was just something special 'bout Mammy that
I don't know quite how to explain.
She was always there when needed, through the sunshine,
snow, sleet or rain.
Many were the lessons she taught us, and as I look back I recall
The words of wisdom that she shared, and I love and cherish them all.

As a little girl, I would sit at her knee and watch her,
with needle and thread,
As she created storybook dresses for me –
many times 'til past time for bed.
I remember the magic she created with a crochet hook
and a plain ball of twine;
And she never looked at pattern. Her doilies straight from her mind.

She took the time out to teach me how to cook up
some things mighty tasty,
I'll always remember that it was Mammy who taught me
to cook chicken and pastry.
And I know that all of her grandchildren have been nursed
back to health by her hand.
Mammy would make us up a tar poultice;
and, boy, did we ever smell grand!!

I'm told that back in the olden days when conveniences
had not come her way,
She was midwife, nurse, or embalmer or whatever was needed that day.
She rooted many a potted plant so she could give them to her friends.
She enjoyed sharing with her neighbors the things
she had made with her hands.

Most important of all, Mammy believed in God.
She observed Sunday as a holy day.
Her children were taught many dos and don'ts
in a firm and disciplined way.
Yes, there was something special 'bout Mammy. She was
strong-willed and determined, you bet;
But she left us so much richer; and Mammy we'll never forget.

You see, Mammy lived when there were no modern conveniences; yet, she had time to be a friend. She didn't have much money, but she put to use what she had. Even when she was up in her late eighties, she was still able to cook and do things for us and willingly did so. During the nearly one hundred years of Mammy's life, she saw many amazing discoveries and inventions. She used to tell us about the first automobile she saw and the first radio she heard. One can only imagine what it was like for her to see her first airplane, and we never could convince her that a man had really walked on the moon.

When I think of Mammy's life span and the many changes she experienced, I think of how far we have come during the 20th century. With all the modern technology and conveniences, we should be experiencing life at its best. Yet, it seems that we have less time and more frustration than at any other time in history. It bothers me to see that people have forgotten that God's plan includes a day of rest and time for Christian fellowship. The shopping centers are open, the tractors are in the fields, and lawn mowers are roaring while the church bells are ringing. People do not have time for fellowship. The television is blaring while the Bible collects dust. Families are torn apart and scattered.

I guess each generation sees life from a different perspective. I don't long for the "good old days" for I remember some of the hardships of the past! However, I would like to believe that, somehow as we go into this new century, we could re-focus on the value of family and friends. I would like to see a renewal of true commitment to God and His church. I would like to have hope that America will remain "one nation under God."

What a challenge lies before us! As women of God, we must actively minister in the home, in the church, and in the community. We must pledge anew to do our part in seeking God for revival that will sweep this nation and this world. Just like Esther, God has put us here for "such a time as this." Let's live up to our quadrennial theme and fulfill the role of ***Women Designed by God for Mission 21.***

WM CONVENTION REPORT

The North Carolina Women's Ministries Convention was held in Falcon at the Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle on Saturday, June 6, 1998. The day began as ladies gathered in the Cafeteria Building for registration, refreshments, and fellowship. A number of sales and display tables were set up for opportunities to shop and gather information. The program began after Mrs. Rhonda Webber and her son, Kevin, had provided prelude music. Mrs. Tanya Hale led the congregation in opening choruses, after which Conference WM Director Linda Thomas gave the welcome. Rev. T. E. Long brought greetings and gave the invocation. A highlight of the day was a special tribute to Mrs. Sue Parker who was retiring from the NCWM Board. (See accompanying article to read this tribute.) Special music for the worship portion of the program was provided by a trio from the New Bern First Pentecostal Holiness WM. Mrs. Phyllis Harrell, NCWM Board Member introduced Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, General Executive Director of IPHC Women's Ministries, who was the featured speaker of the worship service. She challenged the women to live in the anointing. A time of prayer and worship was led by NCWM Board Member Janice Marshburn.

Mrs. Johnson presided over the business portion of the program which included reports from NCWM leadership, and presentation of awards earned by local Women's Ministries groups. Committee reports were presented and adopted. Election of the NCWM Board for the 1998-2001 quadrennium was held with Mrs. Linda M. Thomas being unanimously re-elected to serve as Conference WM Director. Others elected are: Mrs. Janice Marshburn, Assistant Director; Mrs. Patsy Deese, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Phyllis Harrell and Miss Meshelder Richardson, Board Members. Mrs. Johnson presided over an impressive installation service which included anointing Director Thomas with oil. Mrs. Dollie Davenport, a former General WM President and former NCWM President, prayed the dedicatory prayer over the newly elected board.

The convention was attended by approximately 300 women from various churches in the conference.

Special thanks to Peniel Women's Ministries and their Director Mrs. Westa Barefoot for serving refreshments during registration hour.

Alice Williford of Clinton First WM Received plaque for 4 consecutive years of 100% on the Annual Evaluation. Margaret Berry, of Wilmington First, and Eva Waters, of Emmanuel, received a bar for a preciously earned plaque for having 100% for eight consecutive years. Frances Holliday, of Bethany, and JoAnn Blackmon, of The First Church, received a bar for a previously earned plaque having 100% for four consecutive years.

TRIBUTE TO SUE PARKER...

At the 1998 NCWM Convention, the following tribute was made to Sue Parker as she retired from the NCWM Board.

There is a lady in our midst today who deserves special recognition. Actually, she deserves recognition in many areas ... as a devoted wife and the mother of five children, grandmother of ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild ... as a retired minister and a retired missionary. But, today we want to pay special tribute to this lady for forty-five years of service to Women's Ministries. This lady is none other than our own SUE PARKER.

As a child, Sue admired the work of the women of her church, and that they allowed her to participate in their activities and encouraged her in the Lord. As she was preparing to go away to school at Holmes, they gave her a shower; and, while she was in school, they remembered her with "goody" boxes. After graduation from Holmes, while preparing to go the mission field, Sue had close association with the Oak Street Woman's Auxiliary (now The First Church). They were a wonderful role model as to what WA was all about. They helped fill trunks with housekeeping items needed on the mission field. While there, she was privileged to attend the 1953 NCWA Convention. Little did she know then how her whole life would be so intertwined in the work of Woman's Auxiliary, as it was called then.

When Sue arrived in Africa, she became directly involved in WA work and was elected to the Tansvaal/Orange Free State WA Board. During the newly twenty years she was there, she served as Conference Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and then President.

In 1974, Sue and Jettie returned from South Africa and were back in North Carolina. He became pastor of the Sanford First Church, and Sue was elected Vice President of the NCWA at the 1974 convention. At the 1976 NCWA Convention, Sue was elected President, as long-time President Dollie Davenport gave her resignation. At the 1978 Convention, Sue was elected for another two-year term. In 1980, Sue announced to the NCWM Convention that she and her husband would be returning to Africa. Upon arriving in Malawi, she assumed leadership of the Conference WA there.

In 1989, Sue returned to the North Carolina Women's Ministries, filling a board member position which had been vacated during the quadrennium. In 1990, she was re-elected for a four-year term as a board member. In 1994, Sue was again elected to the NCWM Board, this time as Vice President. She then teamed up with Linda Thomas, Patsy Deese, Phyllis Harrell, and Janice Marshburn. This has been a special team, to say the least.

Sue has given herself fully to the work of the Lord, and Women's Ministries has been a big part of that assignment. During the past four years, Sue's portfolio has been missions. In reference to WM Christmas missions, Sue says she has been on both the receiving end as a missionary and on the giving end as a worker on the home front. She has given her best for the Master. She has much expertise and many years of service, but now Sue will be leaving the NCWM Board. I am sure that she will continue to be active and will be readily available to bless your church or WM as an excellent speaker. She is a wellspring of knowledge regarding WM work and the work of the IPHC in general. She is a genuine woman of God who has made a great contribution to the WM on the local, conference, national, and international levels.

Sue was presented an engraved silver tray, after which she gave remarks and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve. She is available to visit and minister as you call upon her. Her mailing address is 3130 Kendale Drive, Sanford, NC 27330. She may be reached by phone at 919-776-5860.

Sue Parker shows off the silver tray presented to her at convention as some of her family members look on.

PLAN AHEAD...

- **Feast of Ingathering** is October 5, 1998. You'll want to have your contributions ready in time to present them at the Fall District Conferences in September. Remember, you can increase your offering through the "Double Your Dollars" plan.
- **Harvest Train** is November 24, 1998. Get your $$$ and commodities together and be at Falcon Children's Home for this event.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

CHURCHES MINISTERING TO CHURCHES

The Windsor Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pastor Onnie Warren, has been greatly blessed by the churches of the Williamston District. The church needed a new roof and did not have sufficient funds to make the necessary repairs.

District Director Noah Barefoot and the Williamston Evangelism Missions Unit came to the rescue – Rev. Danny Harris, Rev. Jeff Bartlett, Ernie Jenkins. They encouraged the District churches to help. Some over $1,100.00 was raised. Sam Jones and his workers from the Kinston Church were contracted. They did the work, most of the labor donated.

Praise the Lord for churches, pastors, and laymen who work together. So much more can be accomplished.

Windsor Church gets a new roof!

La Roca, Tarboro Update

The La Roca Church is borrowing money from the Conference for a new expansion. Pastor Manuel Castaneda has indicated all the permits have been obtained. They are ready to begin construction. Before the loan can be granted, the church must have the funds to update the sewer system. Some $6,500.00 is needed. Presently the Evangelism Department has raised some $4,100.00 of the amount needed. Several churches in the area and individuals have contributed. As one can readily see, additional funds are needed. Funds may be sent to the Conference Evangelism Ministries and earmarked La Roca Fund.

The La Roca Church is averaging some over 300 in attendance. To God be the glory!

Micro Church Needs a New Roof

The Micro Church is in need of a new roof. Pastor Bert Sapp reports that the church has presently raised some

Micro Church

$700.00 through special fund-raising. They are working faithfully. The estimated cost is $4,000.00.

The Raleigh District Unit – District Director Jimmy Barnhill, Secretary Leroy Evans, and Pastor Frankie Elliott – have committed to help raise the needed funds. They have just begun their efforts. Already some $850.00 has been received. Another $200.00 has been pledged. Another $2,250.00 is needed.

By faith, Brother Ferrell Guin & his crew of the Culbreth Memorial Church have been contracted to do the work. God is able. Funds may be sent to the Conference Evangelism Office and earmarked Micro Project.

Hood Memorial Building

The Conference Evangelism Department is leaning toward selling the Hood Memorial building at Hubert, N. C. The church has been closed for some time, but has been used by three other church groups. The building is in excellent shape with some minor repairs needed. Anyone or group interested should contact Director Thompson.

Hood Memorial Church

Summer Means Global Outreach 1998 – Anointed to Obey

Many churches are working to collect their Global Outreach Offering now year round. This makes a great difference in their totals. But the summer is when the offerings are announced and collected. All offerings should be in Falcon by July 22. On Sunday night, July 26, we hope to celebrate victory at the annual Camp Meeting World Evangelism Service. The Conference Goal is $200,000.00. This will be the first time the Conference has reached such a level.

1998 GLOBAL OUTREACH TARGETS MISSIONS – 75%

Right now a new church building is under construction in the capitol city of Yangoon. We must help these dear people who are ministering under major difficulties.

Yangoon, Myanmar, is only one of our targets for 1998. Many other projects are funded through this offering.

Will you join with us and commit to giving a **Day's Wage and a Day of Prayer and Fasting?** By doing this, we will exceed our goal of $1,225,000.00, and our needs will be met.

In addition to Yangoon, Myanmar, **World Missions Ministries** will be using its 75% of the Global Outreach Offering for several other projects. The four Operation Antioch projects Myanmar and the following three – will each receive $50,000.00 from the offering.

Lima, Peru – We are buying a lot in Lima to build the IPHC headquarters for Peru and an evangelistic center. The work in Lima was started in 1996 and has a current congregation of 110 members. This is our first building in this South American country.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras – We are buying a lot to build the headquarters for Honduras and an evangelistic center. The work which was started in May 1998 already has a congregation of around 100. This will also be our first building in this Central American country.

London, England – The Centre for International Christian Ministries (CICM) is presently operating in rather limited temporary facilities. Funds for the "GO" Offering will enable us to purchase land for a new Centre. CICM's library is in storage, and students are waiting patiently to use it again. In order to effectively process new students, provide classrooms, and meet needs for growth, we need to relocate to adequate facilities this summer. Pray that CICM will continue to have a ministry of excellence through this transitional period.

In addition to these special projects, other projects are supported through the Global Outreach Offering. They are national workers, deficit missionary accounts, "new" missionary quick start program, stateside promotion, annual missionary retreats, and others.

1998 Urban Church Plants Evangelism USA – 25%

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Church Planters: Robert & Kathy LaPlante
Target Area: Rio Rancho Albuquerque

Albuquerque is listed as the second fastest growing non-agricultural job market in the West among cities under 750,000. The Great Plains Conference and Evangelism USA are partnering together to launch this church.

Denver, Colorado
Church Planters: Bronson & Diane Howell
Target Area: Aurora/Lakewood

Denver has a median age of 34. Roughly, 31% of the area has at least a four-year college degree. With a population of 3 million plus, the Colorado Conference and Evangelism USA are hopeful of planting a major resource church for the area.

Jonesboro, Arkansas
Church Planters: Paul & Cindy Barnhardt
Target Area: Jonesboro and Craighead County

Jonesboro is the home of Arkansas State University. This college town of 51,000 is a strategic location for the overall development of the Tennessee Valley Conference. This conference and Evangelism USA are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

Virginia Beach, Virginia
Church Planters: Archie & Rae Callahan
Target Area: Virginia Beach proper

The Norfolk/Virginia Beach area has a population of 1.5 million. Ranking 15th in fiscal strength among America's 50 wealthiest cities, the challenges of a church invasion are great. The cooperation of the Eastern Virginia Conference and Evangelism USA will make the difference.

1998 FALCON CAMP MEETING
JULY 19-26, 1998
CULBRETH AUDITORIUM • FALCON, NC

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 19
6:30 p.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand

MONDAY, JULY 20
9:30 a.m. – Rev. Leroy Baker
11:00 a.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Rev. Leroy Baker

TUESDAY, JULY 21
9:30 a.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand
11:00 a.m. – Rev. Leroy Baker
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
9:30 a.m. – Rev. Leroy Baker
11:00 a.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand
12:30 p.m. – Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Rev. Leroy Baker

THURSDAY, JULY 23
9:00 a.m. – Quadrennial Conference
- 4:00 p.m. – Bishop James D. Leggett, presiding
12:30 p.m. – Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand

FRIDAY, JULY 24
9:00 a.m. – Quadrennial Conference, continued
Bishop James Leggett, presiding officer
2:00 p.m. – Memorial Service
4:30 p.m. – Ministers' Wives Fellowship
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Rev. Leroy Baker

SATURDAY, JULY 25
9:30 a.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand
11:00 a.m. – Rev. Leroy Baker
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Youth Emphasis
Director Bobby Forehand
Message: Rev. W. J. Forehand

SUNDAY, JULY 26
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
Rev. Bobby Forehand
11:00 a.m. – Rev. W. J. Forehand
3:30 p.m. – Singspiration
Rev. David Oxley
6:00 p.m. – World Evangelism Emphasis
Director Chris Thompson
Message: Rev. Leroy Baker

– SPECIAL NOTE –
Continuing Education Units will be awarded ministers who attend the 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. Bible Classes and Quadrennial Conference. A minimum of 9 credits will be offered.

ALL SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE J. A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE

1900 - 1998 • Ninety-Ninth Anniversary

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bishop James D. Leggett
Presiding Officer • Quadrennial Conference
Thursday and Friday, July 23-24

Dr. E. Leroy Baker
Superintendent of the Texas Conference

Rev. Baker resides in Houston, Texas, with his wife, Evelyn. The Bakers have served in ministry together for more than 35 years. They have three married children and eight grandchildren. The base of his ministry is in Houston, Texas, where he has served as Conference Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Churches in Texas for 12 years.

The great joy of his ministry is planting new churches, ministering to preachers, and evangelistic preaching. He is known as an outstanding camp meeting preacher.

Rev. W. J. Forehand
Evangelist

Jim Forehand, a native of Goldsboro, NC, was reared in the Free Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church of Patetown, NC. He served his country in the United States Coast Guard. Rev. Forehand received his academic training at Holmes Bible College in Greenville, SC, and at UNC/Pembroke, NC. Rev. Forehand was licensed to preach by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1958. He served on the N.C. Conference Board from 1970 to 1986.

Other Camp Meeting Personnel
Manager – Superintendent T. Elwood Long
Campus Assistants – NC Conference Board
Music Director – Rev. David Oxley
Pianist – Dolores Reynolds
Organist – David Robertson

Rooms Available

$8.00 per night – Additional $2.00/night per person per room for three or more to the room. Secretary Dolores Reynolds should be contacted for reservations at 910-980-1162.

Camp Meeting Manager
Superintendent T. Elwood Long

Falcon Camp Meeting is apparently the oldest continuous Pentecostal Camp Meeting. It began in the fires of the Holiness revival in 1900. Next year, 1999, we will celebrate the 100th year anniversary.

The Camp Meeting is managed by the Superintendent and the N.C. Conference Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The camp meeting is supported and financed by the Falcon Camp Meeting Association. Presently the Campus is undergoing a major renovation. A new Cafeteria/Training Center has been built. Other renovations are planned.

Anyone may join the Camp Meeting Association by completing an envelope at the Camp Meeting or mailing name and address and $5.00 dues to Falcon Camp Meeting Association, P.O. Box 59, Falcon, NC 28342-0059.

– Special Events –
NC Conference Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon – Wednesday
Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon – Thursday
Falcon Children's Home Emphasis – Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Memorial Service – Friday, 2:00 p.m.
Ministers' Wives Fellowship Banquet – Friday, 5:00 p.m.
Youth Emphasis – Saturday evening, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School – Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m.
Singspiration – Sunday afternoon, 3:30 p.m.
World Evangelism Emphasis – Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.

Meals

Meals will be available on campus in the new cafeteria. The canteen will be open after the evening services.

Octagon Tabernacle Restoration

Next year will be the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Falcon Camp Meeting. We hope to have some of the day services in the historical Octagon Tabernacle. Presently funds are being raised for some needed renovations such as heat/air, pew finishing, etc.

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - April 1998

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1700	----	630	----	650	516
Kinston First	634	----	320	----	321	312
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	213	----	217	----
Tarboro First	214	----	211	----	185	168
The First	360	----	202	----	150	160
The Capital	350	----	185	----	170	212
Mt. Carmel	349	----	171	----	209	133
Clinton	324	----	164	----	263	185
Gospel Tabernacle	558	20	149	13	466	362
Stedman	282	----	144	----	208	123
St. Pauls	167	40	140	40	132	121
Wilson First	190	----	131	----	80	89
Harkers Island	133	----	129	----	67	65
Shiloh	289	40	127	47	189	93
Smyrna	106	----	124	----	101	96
Harvest Temple	188	65	124	36	134	83
Whitley	269	----	122	----	248	190
Grace Family Fellowship	209	----	122	----	171	137
Peniel	261	----	119	----	109	75
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	114	21	169	61
Williamston	154	10	109	11	107	72
Bizzell Grove	163	40	108	39	80	45
Belfast	135	----	106	----	97	71
Benson	167	48	103	21	140	79
Evangel	210	19	100	15	105	50
Graham Memorial	138	----	99	----	100	86
Bethany	155	5	97	24	109	48
Brentwood	135	----	88	----	150	147
Wallace	229	----	87	----	84	57
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	87	----	40	40
Living Faith Fell.	120	----	83	----	86	56
Lumberton	322	14	82	9	140	65
Baywood	120	----	80	----	67	68
Millennium	142	36	80	37	90	39
Maranatha	96	----	78	----	50	84
St. John	129	----	77	----	35	45
Pikes Crossroads	187	32	73	32	145	59
Roper	102	----	73	----	96	52
Hobgood	100	----	72	----	----	----
Hollands Chapel	71	----	70	----	30	26
New Bern First	126	----	69	----	97	28
Sharon	99	1	68	1	43	35
Nakina	82	----	67	----	11	40
Westview	113	----	66	----	101	49
Sanford First	94	----	66	----	49	55
Mt. Olive (GD)	80	----	65	----	----	----
Kenly	115	----	64	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	63	----	142	41
Black Creek	67	----	62	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	107	----	60	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	140	----	60	----	----	----
Thomas Chapel	126	----	59	----	66	25
Midway	116	----	58	----	85	39
Moores Chapel	106	----	56	----	83	37
Reelsboro	108	52	55	47	64	34
Winterville	76	----	54	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	102	----	53	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	87	----	53	----	----	----
Bridgeton	84	----	53	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	75	----	52	----	30	20
Emmanuel	97	----	52	----	60	52
Selma	70	----	51	----	----	----
Eastside	55	----	50	----	----	----
Shiloh	90	----	49	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	168	18	49	18	91	42
Gethsemane	154	----	48	----	53	35
Bethel	86	----	48	----	----	----
Warsaw	79	----	48	----	----	----
Higher Ground	104	----	47	----	59	39
Thompson Chapel	104	----	47	----	59	24
Snow Hill	58	----	45	----	10	6
Niagara	158	----	45	----	33	18
Carson Memorial	80	----	44	----	65	32
Aberdeen	80	----	43	----	75	27
Jones Grove	42	----	43	----	----	----
Living Waters	73	----	43	----	89	29
Jacksonville	76	----	42	----	30	17
Ebenezer	56	----	42	----	35	28
New Covenant	70	15	42	25	28	34
Friendship WD	96	----	42	----	64	25
Sonlight	30	20	41	28	22	25
Faith WD	62	117	41	117	----	----
Spring Hope	50	----	40	----	48	34
Goshen	77	----	40	----	31	17
Garland	64	----	40	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	52	----	39	----	41	31
Sneads Ferry	101	----	39	----	30	32
Wades Point	47	----	38	----	----	----
St. Matthew	41	----	37	----	----	----
Tabernacle	63	----	37	----	33	21
Grace Community	49	----	36	----	44	20
Scotland Neck	53	----	35	----	28	30
Westmoreland	148	----	35	----	103	45
Heritage	56	----	34	----	46	38
Lowland	35	----	34	----	----	----
Sims	48	----	34	----	----	----
Vanceboro	32	----	33	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	32	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	32	----	28	26
Hopewell	24	----	30	----	29	25
Vaughans Chapel	49	----	30	----	----	----
New Vision	52	----	30	----	----	----
Albritton	73	17	30	19	42	20
Bailey	36	----	28	----	18	17
Lyon Memorial	72	----	28	----	----	----
Trinity CD	68	----	27	----	----	----
Independence	43	----	26	----	----	----
Trinity NBD	65	----	25	----	60	15
Abbottsburg	35	----	25	----	25	14
Alliance	43	----	22	----	28	10
Lamm's Grove	47	----	20	----	----	----
New Hope	23	----	20	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	19	----	20	14
Clayton	21	----	19	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	17	----	----	----
Middlesex	17	----	16	----	----	----
Grifton	41	----	16	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	15	----	14	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	13	----	19	0
Alert	55	----	12	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	23	----	10	----	----	----
Plymouth	9	----	8	----	----	----
Windsor	13	28	7	8	----	----
Wakelon	11	----	7	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	7	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	6	----	----	----
Total:	16216	662	8725	608	8207	5615
Average:	129	32	69	29	99	68
Count:	126		126		83	82

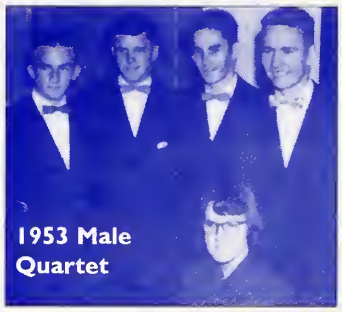
EMMANUEL COLLEGE HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Alumni, Friends, Senior Citizens, and Special Guests
September 18-20, 1998

1948 Mixed Chorus

Receptions
Singers to Perform
Alumni Small Group Rehearsal and Performance
Reunion Activity Field Day
Music Recital
E. C. Club Fair • Cookout
Pavilion Dedication
Alumni Intramural Softball Game
Golf Tournament
Class Reunions and Pictures
Dinner Banquet & Celebration
Alumni Singers and E. C. Singers to Perform

1993 College Choir


1953 Male Quartet

1983 Emmanuel Singers

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION

1958 Mixed Chorus

Reunions
1993, 88, 83, 78, 73, 68, 63, 58, 53

1978 Shirim

1963 Ensembles

1973 EC Collegians

1968 Quartet

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Good Idea or God-Given Plan?

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Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test...I will...pour down for you an overflowing blessing...Then all nations will count you happy...says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:10,12 NRSV

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

TITHING
Is it a Good Idea or a God-Given Plan?

Please read these scriptures before you read this article. Malachi 3:8-12; I Corinthians 16:1,2

I read this quote somewhere and wrote it in my notes: "Every department of science, business, commerce, and life is controlled by certain fundamental laws that are basic to the preservation of the universe. Law has existed since the beginning. It will never end! God is the author of the law! The twin laws, that the seventh of our days and the tenth of our income shall be devoted in a special sense to God's service, have never been repealed or abrogated. Both have their foundation in human needs, and both are for our physical, material, mental, moral, or spiritual standpoint." It's just plain, downright, honesty to give the tithe.

If only church people would give their tithes, we never would have to have a fund-raising drive of any type!

Someone has aptly stated, "No man can pay tithes from a correct sense of duty without taking God into partnership in everything by which he makes his living. God furnishes all capital any of us have, be it hands, brains, strength, skill, or inherited money or property.

"It is not the amount of money God wants: He wants us, wants our confidence, our affection, our trust in Him, as a good, wise, loving partner."

It is a fact that most churches are looking for some remedy to cure their financial ills, for it is obvious many churches do not have a sound financial plan and are hampered and suffering accordingly.

There is no system better than God's system! Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. He came to give it a deeper, fuller meaning; He came to add to it a spiritual dimension that the Old Testament economy did not provide.

The tithing system is not some quick scheme to pay old church debts. It is of nobler purpose than that.

It is not merely a substitute for other worn-out methods of attempting to raise money.

We cannot approach the encouragement of tithing to our people with the attitude, "We tried everything else, now let's try this."

It is not a cure-all for the many ills of the church. It doesn't mean that you won't have any more problems. It will alleviate a big problem, however.

Primarily and fundamentally the main drive is not for the money at all. It has to do with something higher and more noble than this.

The main purpose or motive of the tithing system is to teach men to put God and His Kingdom first! With many professing Christians, self, home, business, and pleasure come first. After time, attention, energy and money have been given to other things, if there is any left, the Kingdom of God may get it. God takes last place instead of first. The main objective, therefore, must be to reverse the order. When a person is asked to become a tither, he is asked to establish as a life's principle the habit of putting God first. This, of course, gets the tithe, but it does vastly more; it gets the tithers.

It is to teach people to recognize and acknowledge God's ownership. God owns the property, land, money, and income which we call our own. We do not ask a man to pay the tithe to the preacher or to some special drive, but to God what already belongs to God. He gives us nine-tenths. If a Christian will recognize God's ownership of the tithe, he will recognize God's ownership of all. If he reaches such a recognition, he will give his tithe from a high spiritual motive. He renders to God the things which belong to Him.

It is important to teach men that God's ration of giving is the tenth. Some have given when they felt like it. Others give what their fathers or grandfathers gave. Others give as little as possible and still maintain a semblance of religious self-respect. God's ratio through the ages has been and still is the tithe. We are to give

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CHURCH NEWS

New President Named for Southwestern College of Christian Ministries

Bethany, OK – The Board of Directors of Southwestern College of Christian Ministries (SCCM) named the Rev. Bob Ely as the new president of the school. Ely is an SCCM alumnus and a native of Oklahoma from Anadarko.

The Board of Directors reached its decision on Saturday, June 6. The new president was scheduled to take office on July 1.

Rev. Ronald Q. Moore, former president of SCCM, resigned in December 1997. He and his wife Doris plan to move to Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, where they will be pastoring the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church. Moore served as president of SCCM for eight years. Recently, he was elected as assistant superintendent of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

The Rev. Ely was a 4.0 student at the University of Oklahoma and Southwestern College of Christian Ministries. He has been an ordained minister in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) since 1967 and has served on the denomination's General Executive Board and the General Board of Administration. Presently, he is the president of the Association of North American Pentecostal Holiness Evangelists (NAPHE).

According to Dr. Dan Beller, chairman of the SCCM Board of Education, the Board's Executive Committee concurred that Bob Ely has the background and skills to lead Southwestern in reaching its goals. "Bob Ely has established himself as a man of influence in his denomination. He is a facilitator with a vision for the college," he said.

SCCM is a four-year school of Christian ministries, located adjacent to the Resource Development Center of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in Bethany. At its fall 1997 meeting, the SCCM Board of Directors approved the expansion of the school's curriculum to include liberal arts studies. SCCM is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The SCCM Graduate School is a professional school offering graduate courses for a Master of Ministry degree. The program is designed for pastors and church leaders who are presently serving in ministry.

Bob Ely and his wife Edith have two children, Stephen Todd Ely and Stephanie Burchette, both of whom were graduated from SCCM in 1990. Steve is on staff at Greenville First Church and is an ordained minister with the North Carolina Conference.

Good Stewards of Our Heritage

"...I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour" 2 Peter 3:1, 2.

How soon even we Christians forget that we are indebted people. That we did not get where we are by ourselves. In order that we remember our debt God suggests that we position memorials all around us to serve as constant reminders of God's goodness and our dependence. Remembering the past is really an O.K. thing to do. In fact, it's one of God's choice ways of encouraging loyalty and faithfulness in His servants.

The Apostle Peter says his second epistle was written to serve as a mirror which would bring the past to bear upon the believer's present. He says that words spoken and things that happened "before," or in the past, play vital roles in end-time church life.

If we in the Pentecostal Holiness Church properly celebrate our centennial anniversary (1898-1998), we must remember where we came from and how we got here. We must declare that by heaven's grace, the Lord has providentially preserved for us a rich **HERITAGE** as a memorial of His love and might.

We as a church have received:

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SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Kenneth Tart ..... August 4
W. H. Tyson ..... August 4
L. L. Lassiter ..... August 6
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Joe L. Russell ..... August 13
James H. Norton ..... August 18
T. H. Godwin ..... August 20
H. P. Woodard ..... August 22
Lynette Mosley ..... August 23
Walter V. Denning ..... August 26

Men's Ministries

Jack Kelley, Acting Director

"Mobilizing Men for Ministry"

Look What's Coming!!!

- September 18-19, **North Carolina Men's Advance** – an exciting two-day gathering for men and their pastors at Falcon. The main speaker – General Jerry Boykin – the Commander of Army Special Forces – the "Green Berets." Music will be by Rev. Jerry Hannah, and much more. A brochure will be mailed out for information and registration in July. The golf tournament will be on September 18 at Keith Hills Golf Course in Buies Creek (call 919-323-4777 for information and registration forms). And there is much, much more – Mark your calendars!
- **REACH 3** – (due to be distributed in September).
  This will be a joint ministry of Evangelism USA and Men's Ministries. This ministry ties us with other denominations and para-church groups, to reach every man in the United States with the gospel by the end of the year 2000. The idea of REACH 3 is simple enough to make men say, "How can I do this," but BIG enough for them to say, "How can I be a part of that?" The entire strategy fits on a wallet-sized card, and its goal is to challenge men to help their friends, neighbors, and coworkers make a commitment of their lives to Jesus Christ.
- **Men's Ministries Action Plan.** This is an exceptional guide to help you create, capture, and sustain momentum in your Men's Ministries. Over a three-week period, this guide will lead you step-by-step to design a Men's Ministries or to re-evaluate what you are already doing. We want to help you build a dynamic Men's Ministries that changes lives.
- **Pastor Appreciation** – Now's the time to begin planning for this annual event – which is generally scheduled for October 4. We recommend that you make it a joint project with Women's Ministries – and there are two packets to help you. **The Pastor Appreciation Program Manual** costs $9.95. It is a must for planning the first time and is filled full of detailed instructions and guidelines. **The 1998 Promotional Packet** is key for the 1998 theme and provides many great ideas and sample materials, ($9.95).

Jack

Jack Kelley
Acting Director

Registration Form

The Conference is Open to Clergy and Laymen of All Churches

Please register _____ person(s) for the conference.

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Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Name and City of Local Church _____

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Name and address of additional attendees (use separate sheet if necesary).

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Fayetteville, NC 283050-3307
910-323-4777
Fax: 910-485-1050

Registration Information:
* Dress Casual
* Need to bring bed linens, towels, blankets, pillow, and Bible.
* Room assignments will be made when registration is received.
* Bring musical instrument.

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Well, here I go again! Another trip down Memory Lane! There is something about these hot, lazy days of summer that just remind me of my childhood years. Life on the farm in the summertime was really an exciting time. Some of my earliest memories are of following my mother in the garden as she picked the beans and tomatoes. I remember playing hide and seek in the corn field with my brothers and sisters. I remember my daddy riding me on the tobacco truck behind the mule. Better still, my great uncle did not have a car, so my cousin and I often got to ride to the store with him in his cart as the mule pulled us along. I remember picking huckleberries from the woods beside our house. I remember going wading in the mud holes. I remember the cool water from the well just outside the back door. I remember calling the "doodle bugs" from the holes in the sand.

Oh, no! It wasn't all fun and games. Summer time was also work time. By the time we got old enough to work, each of us had jobs to do. In the early springtime, the planting started. We looked forward to helping our daddy empty the fertilizer into buckets for him to feed into the dispenser on the tractor. A trip to the nearby country store to get a candy bar and Coca Cola was our pay. In a few weeks, we would see Daddy sharpening the hoes; and we knew it was chopping time. I'll never forget those long rows and how wonderful it was to get to the end to find that Moma had brought us a jar of cold water. Worse than the chopping was pulling weeds from the cotton and soybeans. When the crops were ready for harvest, we had to rise early. Daddy would make the rounds to pick up the farm hands, and we would work hard all day. A special treat each day was Moma's home-cooked country "dinners" in the middle of the day. No matter how many were working, Moma always had enough to go around. Fresh vegetables, which she had picked from her garden, and homemade biscuits or baked corn bread were sure to be a part of the menu. The days were hot, and we were tired; but come evening, all it took to refresh us was a bath and clean clothes. Then we were ready for the freedom of summer nights.

In the earlier years, our nighttime activities included family gatherings on the front porch. We all enjoyed the swing. Pretending the porch was a stage, we children would put on a talent show of songs and recitations. We chased "lightning bugs" and swatted mosquitoes. We played "ain't no bear out tonight." We sometimes had friends over and made candy. As we grew up, we were given the freedom to ride into town with friends for an ice cream cone or a visit to the local drive-in restaurant for french fries.

The older I get, the more I appreciate the values I learned during those summer days when our family learned what it means to work together. I realize that it was the lessons I learned then that formed my work ethic for life. I am also thankful for the times we played together and the opportunities we had to share our inner selves with each other in a no-fear environment.

That brings me to the thought I want to leave with you. As Christians, we are family. It is so important that we work together, each doing our part in the work of the Lord. It is also equally important that we take time to fellowship and have fun with each other. It is necessary that we build bonds that allow us to freely express our concerns and anxieties with each other without fear of judgment and rejection. I was so blessed to have a wonderful and loving earthly father, but we are even more blessed that our Heavenly Father is watching over us. Let's determine to please Him as He watches His children in action during these days of summer.

FEAST OF INGATHERING

The first Feast of Ingathering was held on October 22, 1947, under a tent at Southwestern College in Oklahoma City. It was the vision of Mrs. Adelaide Scott Muse to provide a means of church-wide support for Pentecostal Holiness Church schools. The Feast was expanded to include Emmanuel College on September 18, 1950. Since that time, the church has also embraced Pacific Coast Bible College; and the North Carolina Conference has also embraced Holmes College of the Bible in this annual event.

At the district conferences beginning in August and running through the month of September, each Women's Ministries group and GEMS group will be reporting their gifts to this cause. A special workshop will be presented in each district for WM members and GEMS leaders, and the offerings will be received. Please be sure your WM is represented.

Any church that does not have an active Women's Ministries group is also invited to participate in this

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opportunity to invest in the future through giving to our colleges. YOU'LL WANT TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN THE 1998 FEAST OF INGATHERING.

PRAY!

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At a recent Holly Hill WM meeting, the local director, Joy Bowers, gave a wonderful devotion on prayer. Her theme was *Could You Not Tarry?* Following are excerpts from her devotion.

When we read Mark 14:32-42, we are reminded of the value of prayer. We see here how Jesus took his "lieutenants" with him to Gethsemane where He went to pray. These were His most loyal followers, the ones He could depend on. They had always supported Him and been there for Him. Jesus was very heavy of heart and soul. He went further into the garden to pray in privacy. He asked them to tarry and watch and pray. Yet, when Jesus returned to check on them, His three "best" were sleeping instead of praying. Jesus asked them, "Could you not watch and pray for one hour?"

Again, Jesus went away. Again He returned and found them asleep. Does this sleeping sound like you or the church today? All Jesus was asking of them was to tarry one hour!

The third time Jesus went to pray. When He returned this time, He told them to sleep on. The hour had come! It was too late! Jesus had already been betrayed, and immediately afterwards Judas delivered his betrayal kiss.

There is a lesson in this for the church today. One day, it may be too late for us to pray. If we don't commit to prayer daily, Satan will lull us to sleep. Lost souls, broken hearts, broken families, unsolved problems – all these and more will slip through our fingers. Will we betray Jesus? Our ministries will be ineffective if we sleep when we should be praying.

Please, God, awaken us so that we might tarry for one hour!!! Help us to be the women of God who will fill the gap.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow, call John 14.
When men fail you, call Psalm 27.
If you want to be fruitful, call John 15.
When you have sinned, call Psalm 51.
When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34.
When you are in danger, call Psalm 91.
When God seems far away, call Psalm 139.
When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11.
When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23.
When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinthians 13.
For Paul's secret to happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17.
For idea of Christianity, call 1 Corinthians 5:15-19.
When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39.
When you want peace and rest, call Matthew 11:25-30.
When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90.
When you want Christian assurance, call Romans 8:1-30.
When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121.
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67.
For a great invention/opportunity, call Isaiah 55.
When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1.
How to get along with fellowmen, call Romans 12.
When you think of investments/returns, call Mark 10.
If you are depressed, call Psalm 37.
If you're losing confidence in people, call 1 Corinthians 13.
If people seem unkind, call John 15.
If discouraged about your work, call Psalm 126.
If you find the world growing small, and yourself great, call Psalm 19.

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines are open to Heaven 24 hours a day! Feed your faith, and doubt will starve to death!

Author unknown
Submitted by Meshelder Richardson

SUMMER RECIPES

Why not plan a family outing to celebrate the end of summer! These two recipes can be prepared the day before so you'll have time to enjoy the fun of the day.

• **PEA SALAD** is a quick and easy dish to prepare for a late summer outing

Drain **1 can early peas, 1 can white corn,** and **1 small jar pimento.** Mix together, and add **1 cup chopped celery, 1 cup chopped onion,** and **1 medium chopped green pepper.** Then, mix together **3/4 cup white vinegar, 1/4 cup oil, dash of salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper** and **1 cup sugar.** Boil this mixture until sugar melts. Remove from heat and cool thoroughly. Pour over vegetables. Refrigerate overnight. Drain most of liquid before serving.

• **FRUIT SALAD** is a special treat for your cookout. Sprinkle **1 3-oz. pkg. lemon instant pudding** over **2 cups undrained crushed pineapple.** Stir in **1 large can undrained fruit cocktail** and **1 can drained mandarin oranges.** Fold in **1 cup whipped topping** and refrigerate overnight. Serves 8 to 10.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

CHURCHES THAT ARE GROWING!

Each year Evangelism USA (General Evangelism Ministries) presents awards to churches that are showing forth growth. These awards, called Director's Awards, are given in two award categories. The Gold Award is based on a decadal growth rate of 100 percent or greater. The Silver Award is based on an annual growth rate of 10 percent or greater. The rate is calculated on the composite (average) of membership, Systematic Bible Study attendance (Sunday school), and morning worship attendance.

We congratulate these churches who have qualified for the awards. The awards were presented at Annual Conference on July 23-24, 1998. Praise the Lord for souls saved and discipled. The Lord is at work!

GOLD AWARDS

Church	Pastor	Growth
1. Trinity, Halifax	Lotis Joyner	101%
2. Whitley, Princeton	Noah Barefoot	121%
3. Grace Family Fellowship, Robersonville		143%
4. Eastside, Sanford	Calvin Trueblood	153%
5. Alliance, Alliance	Lee Toler	163%
6. Midway, Erwin	Randy Anderson	320%
7. Harvest Fellowship, Shallotte	Tim Watson	350%

SILVER AWARDS

Church	Pastor	Growth
1. Friendship, Wilson	Emmett Turner	10%
2. Lowland, Lowland	Terry Lewis	10%
3. New Hope, Blounts Creek	Aubrey Spear	10%
4. Goose Creek, Grantsboro	Philip Lewis	11%
5. Harvest Temple, Roanoke Rapids	Fred Jones	11%
6. Pine Level, Pine Level	Robert Ormond	11%
7. Tabernacle, Goldsboro	Berry House	11%
8. Clinton First, Clinton	David Wheeler	12%
9. Westmoreland, Wilson	Jerry Nelson	12%
10. Kenly, Kenly	Lamarr Jackson	13%
11. Snow Hill, Snow Hill	Bobby West	13%
12. Cedar Point, Cedar Point	David Harper	14%
13. Stantonsburg, Stantonsburg	Tony Hawley	15%
14. Lamm's Grove, Lucama	Kenneth Weaver	16%
15. Westview, Saint Pauls	Jonathan Griffin	16%
16. Benson, Benson	Jimmy Barnhill	17%
17. Ebenezer, Nashville	L. B. Avery	17%
18. Vicks Chapel, Rocky Mount	Hubert Shropshire	17%
19. Vanceboro, Vanceboro	Mel House	18%
20. Boardman	Jesse Parson	21%
21. Faith, Edenton	Danny Gurganus	21%
22. Hobgood, Hobgood	Dempsey Winstead	21%
23. Maranatha, Beaufort	Marty Warren	22%
24. Evangelistic Temple, Cary	Danny Collins	26%
25. Windsor, Windsor	Onnie Warren	28%
26. Graham Memorial, Newport	William Hooper	29%
27. Family Worship Center, Angier	Bill Gill	40%
28. Selma, Selma	Leroy Evans	43%
29. Black Creek, Black Creek	Sherwood Page	77%

N.C. CONFERENCE MISSIONARY UPDATE

David & Cheri Arthur – Wycliffe

David and Cheri are very busy with their new ministries at Wycliffe. They continue to be excited about the fruit of their labors as they work in producing videos for various fields. They continue to live and work near Charlotte at the Wycliffe Center. David is traveling often in order to complete the videos.

Using videos as the "Jesus Film" is a new field of ministry in missions. Praise the Lord that David and Cheri represent us well in this new area of ministry. David can make arrangements to attend churches and present missions programs. Telephone (919) 779-1060.

Linwood and Nancy Berry – Spain

Linwood and Nancy are doing well. In the last 10 years, they have planted two strong self-supporting churches as of December 31, 1997. These are the Madrid and Parla Congregations. The Berrys are now turning their attention to building a Spain Conference. New missionaries are arriving – Perry and Eilene Linn and Mike and Cindy Bowen. The Mustard Seed Institute is continuing. The immediate goal is to plant churches in the five provinces surrounding Madrid. Their son, David, is in the process of making application to the Missions Board to return to Spain as a missionary church planter.

Timmy Bowen – Zimbabwe, Africa

Brother Bowen is getting married to Gail Stalls of the Grace Family Fellowship Church, Robersonville on August

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15. We congratulate them both. Gail is very excited about going to Africa as a missionary with her husband.

A miracle has occurred. Tim has been given a two-year visa for Zimbabwe. This is a definite answer to prayer. However, they must be in the country by October, unless Brother Bowen can get an extension. This means he must finish his itineration immediately. By increasing his family, he now has a larger budget to raise. He will need to raise about $1,200 to $1,500 more. Pray for the Bowens as they continue to prepare to the get to the field. Telephone (252) 793-3839.

Rose Boyd – C. E. Missionary, Africa

Our C. E. Missionary is doing much better. She is making adjustments she needs to make. Her things have arrived, and she is getting more permanently settled. Rose was hoping to be in her own place by the middle of July.

Her fall schedule has been filled. She is getting into the groove of ministry. Fruits have already been seen in her ministry. In August, she will be in Nairobi/Eldoret for training in Youth Camp and the WM Convention. Sister Boyd has training sessions planned in South Africa – September, and Malawi – October and November.

Praise the Lord for Rose Boyd and this new thrust in missions.

Darrel and Bonnie Clowers – Panama

Darrel and Bonnie continue to itinerate as they reside in the Jackie Wilson Missions Home, Clinton. Their schedule is gradually filling up for the fall. This couple has been well received in our Conference. It has been a joy to have them ministering in our midst. They hope to be on the field in language school by the first of the year. Telephone (910) 592-1327.

Jeanette Howell – South Africa

Sister Howell is a crucial point in her itineration. She needs to be back on the field in September. She has a way to go raising her full account. Jeanette Howell is a proven veteran missionary. Lack of transportation has limited her going to churches. She is working to alleviate this problem. There are openings in her fall schedule.

Pray fervently that Jeanette can complete her account by raising an additional $1,200 per month. Telephone (252) 443-4637.

Kym Nobles – Nicaragua

Nurse Nobles has been working to raise her funds. She is making slow but sure progress. We need to help speed her along. Kym remains very active in missions in her home church, Northwood Temple. Northwood's mammoth missions team (medical and support personnel) has just returned from their second trip to Nicaragua. It is miraculous what they were able to accomplish. Telephone (910) 822-5466.

Mike and Jennifer Oliver – Jerusalem

God has recently called one of our own to Israel, Brother Mike Oliver, along with his new bride, Jennifer. Both are from the Roper Church. Mike is a fine young man. The last few months have been an eventful time for Mike. He was licensed to preach in June, was married June 23, and leaves for Israel for a short-term for the remainder of the year. Afterwards, they will return home to itinerate to be a full-fledged missionary. Praise the Lord for this our "first" missionary to Israel.

Mike needs funds for the short-term trip. Long-term he needs monthly support as a regular missionary. He needs some short-terms funds immediately. Funds may be sent through the regular channels.

Elizabeth Rogers – South Africa

Betty continues to improve physically. She returned home to the states for furlough on July 22. She will be Falcon at the Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home through the end of the year. Telephone (910) 980-1419. She should arrive in Falcon around August 1.

Althea Meyer and her daughter Gabby will be on furlough again this year with Betty. Althea is a newly licensed minister in South Africa. She is in the process of transferring to the N.C. Conference Board for missionary status.

Betty will be working up a schedule to visit NC churches.

David and Twila Sasser – Home

David and Twila are on the way home to Oregon. They have taken a leave of absence with World Missions. Pray for them as they seek the will of the Lord for their future – missions and where they will minister, Oregon or North Carolina. Their supporters have been contacted to immediately roll their support over to Jeanette Howell or Tim Bowen. David and Twila will be contacting their supporters with more details about their decision to return home.

Ed and Judy Sauvageau – Eldoret, Kenya

Ed and Judy continue their work at the Bible School. They are doing well and continue their ministry. We hear little from the Sauvageaus. They are busy at work.

Ron and Sharon Wooten – Kenya

Ron and Sharon are doing a great job on the mission field. They are presently on a fact-finding trip for missions to Egypt. Pray for them for a great trip.

This couple is building a reputation as great missionaries. They will be returning home sometime in 1999 on furlough. At that time, they will probably live in Falcon.

Understanding The Times and Seasons

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Conference Schedule

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Chuck Pierce
Douglas Beacham
Gene Brooks
Susan Wells

	Thursday, October 15	Friday, October 16	Saturday, Oct. 17
9:00		Praise & Worship Special Guest: Bishop James Leggett	Praise & Worship Special Guest To Be Announced
9:30		Speaker: Chuck Pierce	Speaker: Chuck Pierce
10:30		Break	Break
10:45		Speaker: Chuck Pierce	Speaker: Chuck Pierce
NOON		Lunch	Closing: Prayer of Impartation
1:45		Praise & Worship	
2:00		Beacham: "Prophetic Intercession & Proclamation in the Life of Christ"	
3:00	Registration	Brooks: "Strongholds & Strategies"	
4:00		Wells: "Intercessory Praise"	
5:00	Dinner	Dinner	
7:00	Evening Service •Praise & Worship - Jeff McCoy • Speaker: Chuck Pierce	Evening Service •Praise & Worship - Jeff McCoy •Special Guests • Speaker: Chuck Pierce	

Important Information:

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- ❑ *Individual with Spouse $50*

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offerings beyond this, but we haven't really give until the tithe has been given.

It is to teach that tithing is an act of worship. Someone has said that worship is self-giving unto God. A man's money is part of himself: his brain, his brawn, his energy. When he gives the money he has received, he gives a part of himself back to God. He is not merely answering a temporary money shortage in the church. It is worship. He goes to the Lord's house, on the Lord's day; he mingles with the Lord's people; he partakes of the Lord's Supper; and he puts into the Lord's treasury the Lord's money. It is a supreme act of worship. If the people of the church will worship with the tithe in this way, then we will be lifted from any act of being a selfish, negligent, self-satisfied church.

The main purpose, therefore, is to secure, not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not the money, but the man; not the possession, but the possessor.

One of the main objections to tithing is they cannot afford it. They look at it from the money side. The starting point is the person. We must forget the money for a while and look at ourselves. Can we afford to put God first in our lives? The fact that we claim to be Christian presumes the fact that we are dedicated to Christ! We have confessed Christ! We have promised to be His disciple. We are part of His body, the church!

If we deny Christ that God-appointed portion of our money as well as all of us, it will lead to a life of selfishness! This produces mental, moral, physical, material, and worst of all, spiritual problems. The only solution to that basic problem is to give oneself unconditionally to God!

Please read Acts 4:32-5:10.

In conclusion: Give with no strings attached!

Give, expecting no reward!

Do not give to copy others!

Do not pretend to give more or more liberally than you do!

God will bless a cheerful giver!

Good Stewards of Our Heritage
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I. **A HERITAGE OF PLACES.** The history of the successes of the North Carolina Conference is forever linked to the geographical location known as FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA. Not even the most metropolitan among us can escape the debt we owe to the small hamlet of Falcon, the birthplace of our denomination. A place God chose in His wisdom to bless beyond man's wildest dream. How many of us were credentialed to preach at this place? How may of us first walked an aisle to an altar in a youth camp in this place? And what about those other special places, the many churches that were equal to Falcon in impact in their own communities in those earlier years with their message of the Holiness faith and the Pentecostal power?

II. **A HERITAGE OF PEOPLE.** We owe a debt to every leader who has served this our conference. However unlikely a leader some of them might have seemed in the natural, God chose them and singled them out and anointed them, and the magnitude of the success of their ministries has testified to the integrity of their calling and election. We cannot forget these special servants of God who made paths for us to follow.

III. **A HERITAGE OF PRECEPTS.** As important as the places and people who put our church on the worldwide map are, they are important only because they were faithful to preach the whole counsel of God without fear or favor.

In those earlier years, we were known primarily as "holiness" churches. This label was given to us because we preached and determined to live the message of Sanctification. Our distinction was the life of purity that we encouraged in a lifestyle that separated our people from the overt carnality of the world around us. If we are to enter the new millennium with any degree of power and lasting influence, we must "stir up our PURE minds" by remembering the message that God honored and blessed then. Being the same yesterday, today, and forever, He will honor and bless proper stewardship of the message of Holiness all over again.

IV. **A HERITAGE OF PRINCIPLES.** P. H. people were always people of strong convictions. We were way ahead of our time in condemning addictive habits that bound lives and spirits of men and women and youth. Bible principles became the sure foundation upon which our churches were established. The hallmark of our faith was "delivered by men," whose testimony told of the power of God available to all mankind. We pulled down strongholds and cast down imaginations, and in the place of diabolic influence, we rejoiced our way through the "old time victory" at altars dedicated to the unadulterated principles of Bible convictions.

GOD IS CALLING US BACK! Not back in time, but back to the Bible. Back to a simple complete trust in God's Word and His Sovereign power. Back to adequate **STEWARDSHIP OF OUR HERITAGE.**

"tis Grace hath brought [us] safe thus far, and Grace will lead [us] home." AMEN.

Roland Harrell, Conference Secretary/Treasurer
Conference Stewardship Officer

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - May1998

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1700	----	604	----	650	450
Kinston First	634	----	270	----	321	286
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	199	----	217	----
The First	360	----	190	----	150	139
The Capital	350	----	185	----	170	212
Tarboro First	214	----	175	----	185	150
Mt. Carmel	349	----	163	----	209	124
Clinton	312	----	156	----	235	165
Gospel Tabernacle	554	20	144	13	469	373
Harkers Island	133	----	133	----	67	50
Wilson First	190	----	133	----	80	85
St. Pauls	167	40	133	10	132	104
Shiloh	289	40	133	47	189	99
Chadbourn	220	----	130	----	174	92
Stedman	282	----	129	----	208	114
Whitley	269	----	128	----	248	190
Harvest Temple	190	65	115	41	134	92
Peniel	261	----	114	----	109	58
Smyrna	106	----	113	----	101	65
Grace Family	210	----	112	----	192	110
Fellowship	----	----	----	----	----	----
Brentwood	135	----	111	----	164	164
Graham Memorial	138	----	106	----	100	81
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	106	20	169	60
Bizzell Grove	163	40	103	36	80	41
Benson	167	48	102	21	140	91
St. Paul	156	----	98	----	40	----
Belfast	135	----	97	----	97	83
Bethany	155	5	97	24	109	51
Evangel	210	19	92	28	105	56
Williamston	154	10	90	10	107	71
Lumberton	322	14	87	10	140	73
Wallace	229	----	86	----	84	70
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	77	----	86	59
New Bern First	126	----	76	----	97	42
Pikes Crossroads	187	32	76	32	145	53
Millennium	142	41	76	39	90	39
St. John	129	----	71	----	35	44
Roper	104	----	71	----	96	55
Hollands Chapel	63	----	70	----	25	26
Sharon	99	1	69	1	43	36
Hobgood	100	----	69	----	----	----
Boardman	210	----	67	----	201	32
Sanford First	94	----	67	----	49	49
Kenly	115	----	65	----	----	----
Nakina	82	----	64	----	11	35
Westview	113	----	63	----	101	42
Wilmington	142	----	61	----	142	40
Taylors Chapel	107	----	61	----	----	----
Maranatha	96	----	61	----	50	75
Mt. Olive (GD)	80	----	61	----	----	----
Rehoboth	139	----	57	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	75	----	56	----	30	21
Manleys Grove	140	----	56	----	----	----
Winterville	79	----	55	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	106	----	54	----	74	34
Reelsboro	108	54	53	45	64	33
Higher Ground	104	----	53	----	59	40
Emmanuel	97	----	52	----	60	52
Stantonsburg	102	----	51	----	----	----
Midway	116	----	50	----	85	39
Warsaw	79	----	49	----	----	----
Black Creek	67	----	49	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	87	----	48	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	168	18	47	16	91	39
Thomas Chapel	126	----	47	----	66	18
Ebenezer	56	----	46	----	38	44
Snow Hill	69	----	46	----	10	7
Bridgeton	84	----	46	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	45	----	59	30
Selma	65	----	45	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	80	----	45	----	65	31
Niagara	159	----	45	----	33	21
Goshen	83	----	44	----	31	35
Gethsemane	154	----	43	----	53	37
Bethel	86	----	42	----	----	----
Jacksonville	76	----	42	----	30	14
Friendship WD	96	----	40	----	64	18
Aberdeen	80	----	40	----	75	26
Eastside	55	----	39	----	----	----
Spring Hope	54	----	39	----	52	40
Scotland Neck	53	----	39	----	28	30
Sonlight	30	20	38	22	22	20
St. Matthew	71	----	38	----	----	----
Vanceboro	32	----	37	----	----	----
Albritton	73	17	37	20	42	23
Tabernacle	63	----	37	----	33	25
Westmoreland	152	----	36	----	104	48
New Covenant	70	15	35	25	28	30
Jones Grove	42	----	35	----	----	----
Lowland	37	----	34	----	----	----
Wades Point	47	----	33	----	----	----
Garland	65	----	32	----	----	----
Faith WD	32	110	32	110	----	----
Sims	48	----	32	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	32	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	35	---	32	----	25	19
Independence	52	----	30	----	----	----
New Vision	51	----	29	----	----	----
Sneads Ferry	101	----	29	----	30	12
Vaughans Chapel	49	----	29	----	----	----
Bailey	37	----	29	----	18	17
Oak Ridge	64	----	27	----	28	22
Calvary LD	39	----	27	----	----	----
Heritage	56	----	27	----	46	32
Lyon Memorial	72	----	23	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	47	----	22	----	----	----
Hopewell	24	----	21	----	29	22
Alliance	43	----	21	----	28	10
Trinity CD	68	----	21	----	----	----
New Hope	23	----	20	----	----	----
Middlesex	17	----	19	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	18	----	20	7
Abundant Life	16	----	17	----	----	----
Grifton	40	----	17	----	----	----
Red Spring	70	----	14	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	14	----	19	----
Alert	55	----	14	----	----	----
Clayton	21	----	13	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Cedar Point	49	----	13	----	26	20
Vicks Chapel	15	----	11	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	8	----	----	----
Plymouth	9	----	8	----	----	----
Windsor	13	28	7	9	----	----
Wakelon	11	----	6	----	----	----
Faith GD	75	----	----	----	55	----
Calvary Temple	23	----	----	----	----	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	----	----	11	----
Grace Community	46	----	----	24	44	17
Baywood	120	----	----	----	67	----
Shelmerdine	52	----	----	----	41	----
Total	16,767	662	8,389	603	8,529	5,359
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Count	131		125		86	79

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"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29 NKJV).

T. Elwood Long

Superintendent's Page

The Lord has copiously showered the North Carolina Conference with blessings to begin a new quadrennium.

Bishop James D. Leggett presided over the Quadrennial Session on Thursday and Friday, July 23 and 24. The session was enhanced by his proficient, yet relaxed demeanor in presiding. It was good to hear the messages he shared in devotional, ordination and training activities. A fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit is obviously announcing the plan of God is at work in his life for the current ministry into which his call and gifts have thrust him.

Five hundred forty nine voting constituents were present to transact business at the opening of conference on Thursday. Some had to leave, later others came in, and we ended on Friday with a good number.

The entire Conference Board was re-elected. They are:

T. Elwood Long, Superintendent

D. Chris Thompson, Assistant Superintendent

Roland Harrell, Secretary-Treasurer

David C. Wheeler, Board Member

Elton Bryan, Board Member

Danny Nelson, Board Member

Bobby Williams, Board Member.

D. Chris Thompson was re-elected to serve in the office of Evangelism/World Missions Director.

David C. Wheeler was elected to serve in the office as Christian Education Ministries Director. Mr. Wheeler replaces Rev. Bobby Forehand who rotated out because of the statute of limitations. Mr. Forehand actually served eleven years, having served three years of a term vacated by Rev. Gary Strickland, who resigned to re-enter the pastorate.

Other Christian Education Ministries Board Members elected are:

Assistant Director - Charles Boyd

Secretary-Treasurer - Dwight Dunning

Board Member - Joey Leggett

Board Member - Billy Rose

Board Member - Oris Hubbard

Board Member - Terry Whittenton

In addition to Mr. Forehand, the conference expresses gratitude to Miss Rose Boyd (now in missionary service), Mrs. Bonita Spain (now a "full-time" mom), Rev.'s Willis Pearson and Randal Strickland who served during the last quadrennium.

New members elected to serve on the Examining Committee for Ministerial Credentials are: Pastors Greg Long and Kenneth Dixon. They replace Pastors Frank Gentry and David Butts, who rotated off after a four year term. Other Committee members are: Reverends Jimmy C. Whitfield, Kenneth Clark, Merrill Davis, Oris Hubbard, Roger Leggett and Thad White.

The Conference approved the credentials Examining Committee report and duly licensed and ordained as follows:

LICENSED

Daniel Beard of Kinston First

Richard Bowie of Harvest Fellowship, Shallotte

Jeffery W. Britt of Sanford

James Carlisle of Fayetteville

Jonathan L. Dixon of New Bern

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CHURCH NEWS

JONES GROVE CHURCH NEWS

The Jones Grove Church has purchased a new van. This will enhance the outreach ministry of their church.

A new youth ministry has been birthed with 12 members. They have had eight saved in their youth services with Brother Wesley Weaver. He is doing a great job with the youth.

We thank God for all that is being done for the glory of God at Jones Grove Church.

We love and appreciate our pastor, Rev. Anthony Rogers and his wife, Judy.

– Billy Grady

Joshua Luke Glover

Son of
Rev. and Mrs. Donald Glover
born
July 20, 1998 6 lb. 15 oz.
Brother of
Gabrielle and Calab Glover
Grandson of
Weldon and Kay Glover
Jack and Judy Steele

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Arthur Rich Denning – Associate at Smyrna Church

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Timothy Leggett – Pastor, Springs of Living Water, Farmville

Luke Long – Pastor, Clayton

Jeffrey R. Radford – of The First Church, Goldsboro

Andrew W. Stovall – Associate at Whitley Church

We praise God for sending workers for His Harvest!

The Conference approved the Conference Board to make decisions to renovate or replace campus buildings as deemed necessary after extensive study of each with the advice of capable professionals.

The Conference Board has made the decision to renovate the school building dormitory that was attached to the old cafeteria that we replaced. We desperately need financial assistance on the campus renewal project. Will you and your church respond to this urgent need in a positive manner?

All Conference Ministry leaders gave great reports of God's blessings and tremendous strides of progress.

We are expecting our Lord Jesus Christ to come for His Bride at any moment. However, we work for Him as we wait with all that is in us!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

DISTRICT	DATE	HOST CHURCH	HOST PASTOR
Clinton	Mon., Aug. 31	St. Matthew	Jimmy Swinson
Fayetteville	Tues., Sept. I	Hope Mills	Ken Milliken
Goldsboro	Thurs., Sept. 3	Mount Olive	Jimmy Williams
Greenville	Tues., Sept. 8	West Road	T. L. Byrd
Lumberton	Thurs., Sept. 10	St. Pauls First	Ray Faircloth
Morehead City	Mon., Sept. 14	Graham Memorial	Bill Hooper
New Bern	Tues., Sept. 15	New Vision	Ray Bonner
Raleigh	Thurs., Sept. 17	Benson	Jimmy Barnhill
Rocky Mount	Mon., Sept. 21	Taylor's Chapel	Reuben Batchelor
Williamston	Tues., Sept. 22	Faith	Danny Gurganus
Hispanic	Wed., Sept. 23	Greenville First	Luis Avila
Wilmington	Mon., Sept. 28	Sneads Ferry	John Norris
Wilson	Tues., Sept. 29	Stantonsburg	Tony Hawley

Each meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Urgent! *The Feast of Ingathering for our church colleges will be given from each church through Conference Women's Ministries Director, Mrs. Linda Thomas, at each district meeting listed above. Let's support our schools as we all assist our ladies in this drive!*

CAMPUS RENOVATION PROJECT

In February of 1997 we began using the new Training Center. Using this facility has reaffirmed the Conference Board's conviction that a center for training and various Conference functions was a good idea and will be an invaluable asset to our planning for the outreach ministry of this Conference. The increased use of the Training Center will necessitate overnight accommodations on campus. This compelling need is being addressed in the planned renovation of the School Building Dorm.

This project will provide us with 20 sleeping rooms, two more training classrooms, and an entrance lounge. The cost of renovation is about one-half the cost of a new building for the same amount of space.

Due to the debt load existing on the Training Center it would not be prudent to finance this project with more borrowed money. Neither can we afford to wait longer to begin the repairs. We need this building now. Also, the longer we wait to renovate, the greater the cost will be due to deterioration of the building and the possible inflation of building costs. It is time to restore the Dorm. When God leads He also provides and the people and churches of this great Conference obeying God's direction can underwrite this project so we can refurbish the Dorm **DEBT FREE**.

I believe God is speaking to us to give **$300,000.00 IN 300 DAYS** to liquidate the cost of renewing the Dorm. It would only take $3.34 a day for 300 days for 300 people to give $300,000.00. Even if all of us cannot give $1,000.00 each, the combined gifts of many will assure the success of the project.

The architect's sketch below shows how the Dorm will connect with the Training Center with the covered walkway. Also the dormers with windows for the upstairs rooms are visible. A metal roof to match the new Training Center will give the buildings a compatible resemblance. The Dorm will be brought into compliance with all building and safety codes and an entrance for the disabled will also be provided.

While the Conference finances cannot support a loan of this magnitude, we can borrow short-term funds as construction money, and we are prepared to do this as soon as the contractor is available to begin the work. However, we need to be prepared to pay off those loans when the renovation work is complete.

We have more than 23,000 members in our 180 churches and a joint effort of individuals and churches can easily guarantee a **DEBT FREE** building ready for use next spring.

Please prayerfully consider this urgent need and then contact me at the Conference Office assuring me of your participation in the new project. You may write me at P.O. Box 149, Falcon, NC 28342. Your commitment should be completed in 300 days, or by the last of June 1999.

Roland Harrell
Conference Development Officer

School Building/Dorm

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Several weeks ago our Sunday School lesson began with the question, "If you could ask God anything you wanted to know, what would you ask?" Immediately someone answered, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Little did I know the impact the discussion which followed would have on me in the next few weeks.

On that very Sunday morning, before leaving for church, I had called one of my best friends who was being hospitalized for heart surgery the next day. On Monday, during a pre-surgery procedure, her heart was punctured causing hemorrhaging and loss of oxygen to her brain. The upper cortex of her brain was damaged to the point that she had been declared brain dead. She went into the operating room with high expectations of improving her health and came out with the opposite result. For several days everyone held on to the hope that she would come out of what seemed to be a comatose state; but as the days continued to pass, reality set in. Bettie would not recover without a miracle.

For more than 30 years, Bettie and I have shared a special friendship. Our husbands, both named Joe, have also been good friends and business partners. Our anniversaries are two days apart, thus we shared many anniversary celebrations together. We took trips together as couples and shared family vacations, birthdays, and special occasions. At Christmas time, we usually had our families together to celebrate — always ending up around the piano singing Christmas carols. Our lives and the lives of our children are very closely intertwined.

One of the reasons we mesh so well is our shared value system. God and family are the centerpieces of our lives. Bettie always exhibited strong faith. She looked for the good in people. Because of successful business ventures, she could easily have become proud and put herself on a pedestal; but she never changed from the humble person I met more than 30 years ago. She is the ideal mother and grandmother and a friend to all who know her. She is truly a good person!

I will admit to you, I have gone through a spiritual struggle trying to make sense of what has happened. When Bettie was declared brain dead, she was still attached to a ventilator. I wondered if her soul was still present. I searched the Word of God to help me find answers. I was led to the Genesis account of the creation and determined that it was when God breathed the breath of life into Adam that he became a living soul. When the doctors unhooked Bettie from the machines, she continued to breathe on her own. I know now that her soul is still present.

I look at her now. It appears that she is asleep. No movement! No outward responses! It seems so long to me since our conversation on that Sunday morning, but I suppose time means nothing to her. Although the doctors say she has no realization of any of her surroundings, the machines have shown some variation when loved ones talk to her. So we continue to talk to Bettie and share the events of our lives. Somehow I believe that she is hearing, and who knows but what she is communing with God and interceding in our behalf.

It is not within me to understand why this happened to my friend. Yet, I know in whom I believe and I am persuaded that God is able to keep what I commit to Him. It is not always easy to pray "Thy will be done" and to truly commit it all to Him. I still yearn for Bettie's restoration and still pray for the miracle. I do, however, have a peace in knowing that God has it all in control, and He is walking with us through this time...a time when a bad thing has happened to a good person!

PRAISE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM...

It was an early Friday evening in October, 1995. Bobby and I were relaxing from a long day when we heard a knock at the utility room door. We realized it couldn't be anyone we knew for no one ever knocked on that door. Bobby directed them to the right entrance; and as we suspected, a man whom we didn't know stepped up. As he came nearer to the light, we realized he was holding up our 30-year-old son. Tom had been severely beaten. After inquiring, we learned that the man had not harmed Tom but had reached out to help him. Bobby thanked him for his kindness, helped our son inside, and the stranger left.

Our son's face was bloody and very swollen. Bobby asked Tom who had beaten him, to which he answered, "Five strangers." We guided him to his bedroom and helped him in bed. I tried to make conversation, but realized he was in serious condition. We learned that he had received several strikes on his head with the heel of a boot. By this time, we knew Tom needed medical attention. We eventually called 911 for assistance.

Around 11 p.m. I sat in the emergency room. Bobby and our daughter, Sherri, came from Tom's side back to where I was waiting. They tried to appear calm to avoid upsetting me more than I already was. I knew they were trying to protect me, but a mother can't be kept from her child in crisis. When I reached Tom's bedside, I recognized the nurse attending him. She readily told me that his condition was very serious and that his brain may be bleeding.

In a few minutes, a neurosurgeon was on the scene. I think we will always remember his words, "I am a brain surgeon. Your son has a blood clot on the right side of his brain and if I don't do surgery, he's going to die." Our daughter questioned

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whether the surgery would save him. The doctor matter-of-factly stated, "I didn't say that, but if I don't operate right now, he will die. I have to run." With that, he literally ran out of the room.

Around 1:30 a.m. we were escorted to a surgical waiting room. It seemed that everything began to spin, and I began to cry. After calling family and friends, we went to the hospital chapel. As soon as we walked in, I felt a holy presence that only God's children can identify. I didn't know what to ask God for. Suddenly I felt impressed to praise God in the midst of the storm. Something fell on my shoulders as if it were a warm blanket; and with it, I felt a peace that only Christians can feel. We knew that our son would survive this crisis. As we walked back into the waiting room, family and friends had come in. Bobby and Anne Williams were like two angels as they walked in to offer their prayers and support.

After surgery early that Saturday morning, we were told Tom would be in neurological intensive care for at least five days. However, he actually returned home the following Monday afternoon. His healing was rapid and he returned to his job of brick laying one week after brain surgery.

Praise will get the job done. Try it! **Praise God even in the midst of the storm!**

Submitted by Janie Howard
Former Greenville District WM Director

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT NEWS...

The Fayetteville District WM Rally was held at the Training Center in Falcon. Most of the WM groups in the district were represented. The theme was INTIMACY WITH GOD. Patsy Payne, the Fayetteville District WM Director, shared thoughts related to that subject. She stated, "Let the very cry of our heart and soul be 'Lord, be Lord in Me' and let your anointing flow in my life like a river flowing forth."

Karen Culbreth, WM Director at Stedman Church allowed the Holy Spirit to pray through her. Quotes from the prayer: "Your still small voice speaks to me, Lord, in the very hour when I need you most. Reveal yourself to me that I might know you on a deeper level than I ever have known you before. Empower us through the Holy Spirit, and let us be your instruments to do your will."

Annie Lou O'Quinn, Sanford First WM Director, shared "The Dash of the Life Span." The dash is the time between birth and death. It doesn't matter what we own, but how we live and love and how close we are to God. Intimacy with God brings comfort in times of facing the death of loved ones.

Cathy Walston, Eastside WM Director, shared Webster's definition of intimacy. She talked about intimacy in friendship using John 15:13-15 as scripture reference.

Rita Davis, GEMS District Director, shared regarding pastoral support. Brittany Steedly, a GEMS from Mt. Carmel sang a song. Terrace Dew, Sanford First GEMS Coordinator, also sang. Sue Parker represented the NCWM Board and also led in praise and worship.

Betty Ciliberto was guest speaker for the event. She blew a ram's horn and shared briefly how this instrument was used in the Old Testament. She also shared how God taught her to hear His voice. John 10:14 states that Jesus knows His sheep and His sheep know Him. That indicates intimacy. God's children have that relationship.

Each WM group furnished refreshments and shared fellowship.

Patsy says, "Truly God is faithful today, as he was yesterday. In the book of Hebrews, we read that the just shall live by faith. Ladies, it is still a walk of faith. As our pastor says, it is not a cake walk, but we have the assurance of God's Word that we are not alone. The good work God has begun in us He will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. I hope your heart has been encouraged in what our God is doing. If for some reason you are downhearted, be like David who encouraged himself in the Lord. Believe God's Word and take it as a personal word just for us. Read our names in his promises and let His Word speak to the needs of our individual lives. God bless your efforts for His glory. Remember, you matter to Him."

Fayetteville WM ladies listen to Betty Ciliberto blow the ram's horn.

Brittany Steedly enjoys refreshments at the Fayetteville WM Rally after singing for the ladies.

A SPECIAL OCCASION...

The Reelsboro WM ladies held a Senior Citizen's Luncheon at the church fellowship hall and hosted lunch for thirty-two senior citizens (over 70 years old) in their community. Lovely invitations were prepared and delivered. Local WM Director Betty Buck and her husband, Freddie, readied the fellowship hall; and the ladies prepared a meal of tropical fruit salad, chicken cordon bleu, au gratin potatoes, orange glazed baby carrots, green beans, roasted red peppers, sour cream dinner rolls, tea/coffee, and pecan roulage with praline sauce. (Doesn't that make you hungry?) Several of the ladies provided music for the program, and the flower arrangements were given as door prizes. Betty also baked and packaged banana nut loaves for each guest and those who helped with the luncheon.

What a lovely way to show love in your community! You might want to show your concern for the elderly in your circle of influence.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

Various members of the Conference Hispanic Credentials Committee are pictured with 16 pastors who were presented special Merit Awards at the Quadrennial Conference in July. These pastors were instrumental in either starting Hispanic congregations at their church or blessing the Conference Hispanic Ministry in some other way during the last quadrennial. We congratulate

these pastors and churches for a job WELL DONE!

The list includes the following:

Noah Barefoot	Grace Family Fellowship
Jesse Blalock	Tarboro First
Oris Hubbard	Mount Olive, Pembroke
Charles Gentry	Church Alive
John Hedgepeth	Northwood Temple
Tim Leggett	Springs of Living Water
Elmer Mooring	Spring Hope
William O'Neal	Evangel
Vernon Potter	The Genesis
Anthony Rogers	Eastside
Lorraine Thorne	Calvary Temple
Calvin Trueblood	Eastside
Bobby West	Snow Hill
King White	Gospel Tabernacle
Bobby Williams	Kinston First
David Wood	Greenville First

Praise the Lord for these open-hearted spirit-led servants. God has blessed the N.C. Conference with many such individuals. We are blessed indeed. May He add to this number.

1998 SUMMER INTERNS

Each year the Conference Evangelism Ministries promotes and supports a summer internship program. The purpose of the internship program is to help provide on-the-field training for ministerial students. For those churches who qualify the Conference Evangelism Ministries will provide a supplement to the local church of $400.00.

To be eligible for the assistance a church must provide an internship program of at least eight weeks. The intern must work at least forty hours per week at the local church. He or she must be properly supervised by the pastor. It is preferred that the intern be a student at one of the denominational schools. Proper reports shall be completed for the department or copies of school reports be filed with the Conference.

The program has proven to be very fruitful for the Conference. This year the Conference had four interns, they are:

Rolando L Alip, Jr.	**Baywood**	**Pastor Ron Cannon**
Shane Marley	**Peniel**	**Pastor Jeff Barlett**
Keith Marriner	**Greenville First**	**Pastor David Wood**
Stephen Walker	**Living Faith**	**Pastor David Butts**

These young men, pictured on the next page, benefited greatly by the program. They were involved in preaching, teaching, youth drama ministry, Royal Rangers ministry, cross-cultural ministry, youth camp work, visitation, and general youth ministry. The interns and pastors reported

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to the Evangelism Board in the July Board Meeting. It was a delightful meeting.

The program is highly recommended to all the churches. Those pastors and ministerial students interested in the program for 1999 should contact Director Thompson.

Special Note: Brother Rolando Alip, known to his friends as June June was not available at the July meeting. He had already returned to the Philippines. He is a minister and student at one of the Philippines Bible Colleges. He had met Pastor Ron Cannon in the Philippines when Brother Cannon ministered there.

"GO" OFFERING UPDATE

The World Evangelism Service on the closing night of camp meeting was an outstanding service. Several missionaries were present. It was a special time of emphasis for world evangelism.

1988 "GO" Service

During the missions part of the service some $192,000.00 plus was pledged or given by the churches for the 1998 "GO" Offering. A special "GO" Offering was taken. Over $4,000.00 was given. The offering and grand total (approximately $196,000.00) were new records.

We are a little short of our goal - $200,000.00. It is hoped that by year's end we will reach the goal and for the first time break the $200,000.00 barrier for Global Outreach. Perhaps there are individuals who have not given and would like to do so. Perhaps some of the churches have some undesignated missions funds that could be given.

To date 27 churches/pastors have qualified for the Incentive Program. These pastors will receive a gift certificate to LifeSprings Resources. Ninety-six churches have turned in an increase over 1997. Nine other churches gave the same as last year. Forty-one churches have mailed in their offering which is a decrease compared to 1997. Twenty-nine churches have not mailed in their pledges. To-date $176,000.00 has actually been received.

"GO" Offerings, in order to count for 1998, must be received in Falcon by November 30th or in Oklahoma City by December 31st.

One hundred ninety-seven pastors, ministers, and local church missions leaders have pledged/given a Day's Wage for the 1998 offering. These will be receiving a special "1998 'GO' Offering Leader" miniature globe for their desk. These will be made available to all Day's Wage contributors in 1999.

God is at work in missions! He is using the N. C. Conference.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

JEANETTE HOWELL

Jeanette has resigned her status as an itinerating missionary. She will be getting married and remaining in Rocky Mount. May the Lord bless Jeanette and her future husband.

BETTY ROGERS

Betty is home on furlough. She is living in the Falcon Missions Home through the early Spring. She may be reached at 910-980-1419. She is open for services.

David Wheeler
Christian Education
Director

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - June 1998

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1700	----	619	----	650	430
TARBORO FIRST	214	----	187	----	185	137
MT. OLIVE LD	309	----	182	----	217	----
THE CAPITAL	350	----	178	----	170	201
THE FIRST	360	----	177	----	150	156
CLINTON	324	----	159	----	235	150
MT. CARMEL	352	----	156	----	209	115
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	554	20	148	18	472	311
STEDMAN	282	----	143	----	208	112
ST. PAULS	167	40	131	10	132	97
WILSON FIRST	190	----	130	----	80	70
SHILOH	289	40	130	49	189	98
HARKERS ISLAND	133	----	117	----	67	51
WHITLEY	269	----	116	----	248	154
SMYRNA	106	----	115	----	101	83
BIZZELL GROVE	163	40	112	35	80	33
HARVEST TEMPLE	190	65	111	47	134	74
GRACE FAMILY	210	----	111		192	105
FELLOWSHIP	----	----	----	----	----	----
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	138	----	110	----	100	77
PENIEL	261	----	105	----	109	55
BRENTWOOD	135	----	105	----	150	145
ST. PAUL	156	----	103	----	40	95
WILLIAMSTON	154	10	96	8	107	68
BELFAST	133	----	95	----	97	59
BENSON	167	48	94	21	140	83
ROANOKE RAPIDS	260	37	92	38	40	40
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	203	25	88	24	169	43
BETHANY	155	5	87	24	109	37
LUMBERTON	322	14	86	11	140	73
EVANGEL	210	19	79	16	105	49
MARANATHA	97	----	78	----	50	79
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120	----	76	----	86	53
PIKES CROSSROADS	187	32	74	41	145	49
WALLACE	229	----	74	----	84	63
ROPER	104	----	73	----	96	50
ST. JOHN	129	----	72	----	35	44
HOBGOOD	100	----	71	----	----	----
BAYWOOD	120	----	67	----	67	61
SANFORD FIRST	94	----	67	----	49	42
BOARDMAN	210	----	66	----	201	31
SHARON	99	1	65	1	43	35
WILMINGTON	142	----	62	----	142	38
NAKINA	82	----	62	----	11	40
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71	----	62	----	30	25
MILLENNIUM	142	41	60	41	90	38
EMMANUEL	97	----	60	----	60	58
WESTVIEW	113	----	59	----	101	42
THOMAS CHAPEL	126	----	58	----	66	24
TYNDALL GROVE	75	----	58	----	30	16
STANTONSBURG	102	----	57	----	----	----
MT. OLIVE (GD)	80	----	57	----	----	----
KENLY	120	----	57	----	----	----
TAYLORS CHAPEL	107	----	55	----	----	----
MOORES CHAPEL	106	----	55	----	74	34
MANLEYS GROVE	141	----	51	----	----	----
THE GENESIS	100	----	51	----	----	----
HOLLY HILL	98	----	50	----	63	21
WARSAW	82	----	50	----	----	----
BRIDGETON	84	----	49	----	----	----
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104	----	48	----	59	28
HAMILTON	86	----	48	----	----	----
MIDWAY	116	----	48	----	85	37
BLACK CREEK	67	----	48	----	----	----
GETHSEMANE	185	----	47	----	118	27
WINTERVILLE	79	----	47	----	----	----
SNOW HILL	56	----	46	----	10	6
BETHEL	86	----	45	----	----	----
REELSBORO	107	55	44	52	64	36
GOSHEN	83	----	44	----	31	25
NIAGARA	159	----	44	----	33	19
CARSON MEMORIAL	80	----	42	----	65	30
EBENEZER	54	----	42	----	39	33
SELMA	61	----	42	----	----	----
SHILOH	90	----	41	----	----	----
AYDEN	----	----	41	----	----	----
SPRING HOPE	53	----	41	----	49	36
WESTMORELAND	152	----	41	----	104	45
JACKSONVILLE	76	----	40	----	30	14
HODGES CHAPEL	87	----	40	----	----	----
ELIZABETHTOWN	100	----	40	----	65	32
LOWLAND	37	----	39	----	----	----
BROCKS CHAPEL	168	18	39	15	91	31
SCOTLAND NECK	53	----	38	----	28	30
ABERDEEN	80	----	37	----	75	33
SHELMERDINE	48	----	37	----	41	33
JONES GROVE	42	----	37	----	----	----
LIVING WATERS	73	----	37	----	89	31
EASTSIDE	55	----	37	----	----	----
FRIENDSHIP WD	93	----	36	----	63	23
ST MATTHEW	41	----	36	----	----	----
SNEADS FERRY	101	----	35	----	30	15
ABBOTTSBURG	35	----	35	----	17	16
SONLIGHT	30	20	34	16	22	23
GARLAND	65	----	32	----	----	----
VANCEBORO	36	----	31	----	----	----
NEW COVENANT	70	15	31	6	28	25
TABERNACLE	63	----	30	----	33	22
INDEPENDENCE	52	----	30	----	----	----
WELDON	66	----	30	----	----	----
WADES POINT	47	----	30	----	----	----
HERITAGE	56	----	30	----	46	23
ALBRITTON	73	17	29	17	42	21
SIMS	48	----	29	----	----	----
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	51	----	28	----	----	----
BAILEY	39	----	28	----	18	16
OAK RIDGE	64	----	28	----	28	20
NEW VISION	51	----	27	----	----	----
TRINITY RMD	65	----	25	----	60	15
LYON MEMORIAL	72	----	23	----	----	----
LAMM'S GROVE	47	----	23	----	----	----
HOPEWELL	24	----	23	----	29	22
FAITH WD	52	115	22	115	----	----
NEW HOPE	23	----	22	----	----	----
TRINITY CD	68	----	21	----	----	----
GRIFTON	40	----	20	----	----	----
ALERT	55	----	20	----	----	----
CALVARY LD	39	----	20	----	----	----
FRIENDSHIP NED	27	----	19	----	20	10
GRACE COMMUNITY	45	----	18	----	40	19
ALLIANCE	42	----	18	----	28	17
CALVARY TEMPLE	26	----	17	----	----	----
MIDDLESEX	17	----	16	----	----	----
RED SPRINGS	70	----	16	----	----	----
CLAYTON	21	----	15	----	----	----
GOOSE CREEK	31	----	14	----	19	----
ABUNDANT LIFE	16	----	13	----	----	----
WAKELON	11	----	8	----	----	----
CRYSTAL COAST	36	----	8	----	----	----
VICKS CHAPEL	15	----	7	----	----	----
PLYMOUTH	9	----	7	----	----	----
BELHAVEN	----	----	7	----	----	----
WINDSOR	13	28	6	9	----	----
LIGHTHOUSE	8	----	5	----	----	----
Total:	16,203	705	8,180	614	8,147	4,857
Average:	124	32	62	28	97	59
Count:	131	----	133	----	84	82

Congratulations to our 1998 Conference & National Winners!

Talent Winners

Female Solo	Jennifer Pardue
***Male Solo**	**Samuel Forehand**
Vocal Ensemble – Div. I	Gospel Tabernacle Duet
Vocal Ensemble – Div. II	Chosen Generation
***Vocal Ensemble – Div. III**	**Stedman Youth In Covenant**
Instrumental Solo – Div. I	Jeremy Fisher
Instrumental Solo – Div. II	Benjamin Forehand
Instrumental Solo – Div. III	Vicki Smith
Instrumental Solo – Div. IV	Heather Phillips
Instrumental Ensemble – Div. I	Clinton Trio
Instrumental Ensemble – Div. II	Gospel Tabernacle
Keyboard Solo	Cathy Kelliher
Communication Arts – Div. I	Mark Ames
Communication Arts – Div. II	Lee Hodge
***Communication Arts – Div. III**	**Chosen Generation Drama Team**
Communication Arts – Div. V	D.E.W.
Communication Arts – Div. VI	Kelly Blackmon
Communication Arts – Div. VII	Contrast
Communication Arts – Div. VIII	Tiffany Ward
Communication Arts – Div. IX	I.J.N.(In Jesus Name)
Creative Arts – Div. I	Casey Dupree
Creative Arts – Div. II	Jody Lassiter
Creative Arts – Div. IV	Angela Dunning
Creative Writing – Div. I	Jennifer Pardue
Creative Writing – Div. II	David Cannady
Creative Writing – Div. III	Michael Carter

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Trailblazer – Jonathan Hancock
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Superintendent's Page

Church leadership from local church non-clergy personnel to the General Superintendent are constantly searching for assistance to enable us to excel. We desire to excel for the glory of God, the evangelization of the non-Christian, and the edifying of the Body of Christ, His Church.

One of the resources that has been very helpful to me in the past few months is the "The McIntosh Church Growth Network." Dr. Gary L. McIntosh is professor of Christian Ministry and Leadership at Talbot School of Theology. You may subscribe to CGN by writing to P.O. Box 892589, Temecula, CA 92589-2589. I believe you will discover this monthly service to be extremely valuable.

A sizable portion of the one hundred eighty three churches and missions in this conference qualify as "small churches." Good resource material is seemingly not as plentiful for "small churches" as for some others. I believe you will agree with me that the following copy of CGN for August, 1998 is an excellent article on the "Growth Obstacles for the Small Church." (This is copied with permission from Dr. Gary L. McIntosh.)

GROWTH OBSTACLES FOR THE SMALL CHURCH

A warm rain was coming down as Bob arrived for our weekly discussion. He arrived at 7:30 sharp. After we exchanged cordial greetings, I shared my frustration about visitors who come to my church but do not return.

"Sounds like you're facing a common problem of all churches," Bob explained.

"What's that?" I asked.

"Barriers!"

"Barriers?"

"Yes," Bob emphasized. "Barriers! Or another term is Growth Obstacles. All churches have barriers or obstacles which exclude people."

"What do you mean churches exclude people?" I asked a little indignantly. "My church is open to anyone who wants to come."

"I'm not surprised you feel that way," Bob replied. "Nearly all church members feel their church is open, friendly, and accepting. A few years ago I was asked to share the story of my church's growth with several small congregations. Each time I spoke, I asked the people to tell me the best thing about their own church. The number one answer each church gave was 'We're a friendly church.' Of course, the interesting fact was none of those churches was growing."

"Sounds a lot like my church," I admitted. "No church excludes people on purpose," Bob continued. "Yet, the truth is there are numerous obstacles or barriers to a church's growth. Some of these are invisible but many can be seen if we look for them. Let me give you some examples.

"Some visitors may see the name of the church as a barrier. Perhaps they experienced the pain of rejection in a previous church with a similar name. The name of the church may bring back to memory their personal hurt and it is an invisible barrier that must be removed before they can settle into a church. A visible barrier that is common in older churches is a stairway. Numerous steps or stairs are obstacles to some people who might attend church."

"I can identify with that obstacle," I declared. "The fellowship hall in my church is located in the basement and the only way to get there is down a long flight of stairs. A few of our people don't come to church fellowships because the stairs are too difficult to manage."

"Yes," my mentor agreed, "and without knowing it, your church excludes those who can't traverse the stairs. Fortunately, churches have become more aware of physical barriers and are taking steps to remove them. The list of obstacles is far longer and more complex than most members realize, but since we don't have much time today, let's look at the five main growth obstacles for smaller churches."

"Before I summarize each of these obstacles," Bob cautioned, "it's important to remember that God has not created any two congregations exactly alike. However, there are enough similarities among churches that common barriers to their growth and development are easily listed."

Briefly, Bob's five growth obstacles for small churches are summarized as follows.

Obstacle 1 for small churches is a small church image.

Smaller churches often believe they are too small to give anything of significance to the people in their community. Thus they retreat into a protective shell and fail to penetrate their community with Christ's love.

This small church image results in a low level of congregational morale which creates a feeling that 'We could never do that!' or 'That would never work here!' Low morale is often created when 1) leaders set the church up for failure by establishing unreachable goals, 2) victories are not celebrated, 3) leaders lose the trust of the congregation, 4) church-wide decisions are manipulated, and 5) promises are left unfulfilled.

Obstacle 2 for small churches is ineffective evangelism.

Many small churches find that low self-esteem causes them to withdraw rather than intentionally reach out to lost people with the love of Christ. This results in small churches evangelizing only their immediate families, a few people whom they "adopt" into the family,

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CHURCH NEWS

This article ran in the *Fayetteville Observer* on July 25, 1998, during Camp Meeting. Praise the Lord for those who recognize the denomination's rich history and the importance of Falcon. (DCT) *Used by permission of *Fayetteville ObserverTimes*.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

HOMEGROWN DENOMINATION RETAINS ITS DISTINCTIVES

Professing Christians in the United States have always been robustly diverse in their preferences. They trust more in a wide range of churches, denominations, liturgies, and beliefs than in any overarching canon or authority. Even the largest, Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists, are rife with internal contradictions and disputes.

Within this richness of expression, the Pentecostal Holiness Church stands out among the most appealing of the smaller denominations. Small it may be, but it gives no quarter in its zeal for its faith.

This is also homegrown religion, and the native soil is right here along the upper Cape Fear River.

The town of Falcon in northeastern Cumberland County is something like the Rome of Pentecostal Holiness' history. Beginning in the 1890s, the intense "awakening" that is a Pentecostal distinctive spread among the congregations of Methodists, Baptists, and other denomination in this part of the country.

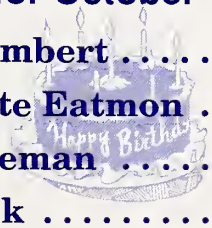
Julius Culbreth experienced it, and became the founder of the Pentecostal Holiness church in Falcon. The church's growth flamed in the next few years, taking in such other denominations as the "Fire Baptized Holiness Church."

From the Culbreth beginning grew a denomination that now has its conference headquarters in Falcon. Culbreth also built one of North Carolina's most admired church structures, the Octagon Tabernacle, an angular, eight-sided gem of architecture that has been lovingly preserved since 1898.

All this comes together this year when the church observes its 100th birthday with a "Seize the Future" forum in November that will focus on Pentecostal Holiness' direction for the 21st century, as well as a $15,000 fund drive to spiff up the Octagon Tabernacle for the occasion.

In its 100th year, the down-to-earth piety and dedication to service that grew from the awakenings of its earliest adherents still inform and warm the Pentecostal Holiness Church. It deserves a happy birthday.

Superannuated Birthdays for October



Rev. Ralph Lambert . . . . . .Nov. 23

Rev. J. Everette Eatmon . . . . . .Nov. 26

Rev. W. O. Foreman . . . . . .Nov. 26

Rev. Wiley Vick . . . . . .Nov. 29

Rev. J. Russell Clark, retired minister of North Carolina Conference from Roanoke Rapids, N.C., asks that you please pray for him as he has suffered two heart attacks and a mild stroke, and is in the advanced stages of Parkinson's disease. Brother Russell is in the nursing home in Greenwood where his family can see him daily. Let him know you're thinking about him by sending him a card.

Mail to: Rev. J. Russell Clark
Magnolia Manor of Greenwood
1415 Parkway, Room 106
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

Alert	Dale Eatmon
Brocks Chapel	John L. Hinson
Clinton	Ken Milliken
Elizabethtown	Jerry Green
Grace Family Fellowship	Barry Nall
Micro	Shelton Whitman
Millennium	Paul Edwards
Mount Olive (Pembroke)	Chris Rooks
Penderlea	Wayne Keene
Roper	Oris Hubbard
Selma	Bobby West
Sharon	Mike Carter
Snow Hill	Leroy Evans
Sonlight	Patsy Vaughan
The Capital	Tim Marriner
Trinity (Dunn)	George Bass, Interim
Tyndall Grove	Hubert Sapp
Vaughan Chapel	T. P. Davis
Weldon	Jonathan Dixon

LOIS RACHEL BIZZELL

Wife of Rev. Tom Ed Bizzell
December 20, 1925 - June 26, 1998

Rachel Rogers Bizzell was not just an everyday run-of-the-mill lady. In my eyes, she was the epitome of what a Christian should be. She was faithful as a wife, mother of eight, friend, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and to her 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and great-great child. She could be trusted. Her family and friends did truly "rise and call her blessed." She labored faithfully beside Daddy (Rev. Tom Ed Bizzell) not only in their harvest of vegetables, but especially souls.

As a small child I remember the impact her prayer life had on me. From wanting a close parking place to needing her washing machine fixed, she prayed and God answered. We would pull into that parking spot and she would say, "Thank you, Lord." I'll never forget when the washer started working on its own after she prayed for it. Those may seem like small things, but they left a big impression on me. She trusted her friend Jesus and He was always faithful to her.

Her ministry in song was anointed. The Holy Spirit moved when she sang—on her, if nobody else. I recall her singing, "This is Just What Heaven Means to Me." Now she knows what

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA

Several years ago I heard Rev. Raymond Potter preach a sermon titled, *Second Fiddle*. In that sermon he emphasized the fact that everybody is not designed to play first fiddle. He also stressed how much more beautiful the music of the first fiddle is when the harmony of the second fiddle is added. Before he finished the sermon, many people in our congregation saw how important their role is in God's work.

Recently I read in *Temple Tidings* (Northwood Temple's newsletter) an article which Rev. John Hedgepeth had written regarding the same matter. I share portions of that article with you.

> "All through the Bible you will find people who did great exploits. They were not the highest ranking or most notable people in the Bible. Many times scripture records just simple people doing mighty deeds, as it was in I Chronicles 11 regarding the mighty men of David. They were unknown and quickly forgotten. Who would remember Elhanan, the son of Dodo, or Shammoth or Helez and others? Yet, the scripture says that they did great and mighty things for God.
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> "And now there are men and women who are hardly known, who dare to step out and attempt great things for God...like Daniel Nash. Who would remember Daniel Nash? He was the little-known and seldom-seen partner of Charles Finney. He had a lackluster record as pastor in upstate New York. He decided to give himself over totally to prayer for Finney's meetings. "Father Nash" would go into town quietly three weeks before the meetings and pray.
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> "Just before he died in 1831, Daniel Nash wrote, 'I am now convinced, it is my duty and privilege, and the duty of every other Christian to pray for the Holy Spirit as much as on the day of Pentecost, and a great deal more. My body is in pain, but I am happy in my God.' Within four months, Nash was dead. His obscure grave is in a neglected cemetery along a dirt road in New York. His tombstone reads:
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> Daniel Nash
> Laborer with Finney
> Mighty in Prayer
> November 17, 1775 – December 20, 1831"

Brother Hedgepeth's article emphasizes that it is not always the person in the spotlight who is being used of God to do great and mighty things for His kingdom. He closes with the challenge to "attempt great things for God."

It doesn't matter what "fiddle" we play. If we commit to God and do our very best to play it well and according to his leading, it will result in beautiful music!

The following poem summarizes the message:

If we can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley, but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill,
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make.
If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass,
But the liveliest bass in the lake.

We can't all be captains; we've got to have crew.
There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,
And the task you must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail;
If you can't be the sun, be a star.
It isn't by size that you win or you fail,
JUST BE THE BEST OF WHATEVER YOU ARE!!!

Copied

A RECIPE OF LOVE

(The following is taken from *A Matter of Taste,* the Kinston First Women's Ministries newly-published cookbook, and was written from the heart of the pastor's wife.)

In the thirty-five years I have been a minister's wife, parishioners have often honored our family by inviting us to share a meal with them. Have you ever considered all the work that is involved in preparing a meal for guests? Have you thought of the closeness you feel toward a family after you have "broken bread" with them? As a prelude to *A Matter of Taste*, I would like to share with you my views on the role food can play in establishing friendships, maintaining fellowship and restoring broken relationships.

Sometimes going into the home of people you barely know can be a very interesting situation. As a young ministering couple at Emmanuel College, we once accepted an invitation for Sunday lunch with folks we hardly knew. We walked into their elegantly decorated home. When we came into the formal dining area, I felt awkward and afraid. I had never seen a home like this, let alone been inside. I certainly had never dined at such a lavishly set table. The china held some foods that I could not even identify! What if I dropped one of the their obviously expensive goblets and broke it?

Looking at all the polished silver on the table I began to think of the riches of these people. Out of my comfort zone, I felt terribly uneasy. As everyone was seated, the hostess asked my husband to say the blessing. As he prayed a sudden calmness came over me that I have never forgotten. We were in the home of God's people. They wanted us to feel at home and enjoy the dinner they had graciously prepared for us. So, instead of feeling afraid and intimidated, I began to concentrate on getting to know our hosts and allowing them to get to know me.

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I learned that day that sharing a meal is a wonderful way to begin a new friendship. It is also a great way to maintain fellowship. Of course, meal preparation is no small feat. Those of us who have spent hours in the kitchen getting everything ready for special guests know that cooking can be just plain hard work. So, why invite guests? What is the purpose? We do it because we care about our friends and guests. We enjoy spending time laughing and talking over a good meal. I truly believe one of the best ways to get to know another person is to sit down and dine with them.

Many lasting friendships are nurtured around the dining room table. And many damaged relationships have been restored by sharing a simple meal together. When people sit and enjoy a meal together, it is much harder not to open their hearts in forgiveness and love.

How long has it been since you have invited someone to enjoy a meal from your table? May we begin to reach out to others, inviting them into our homes and our hearts by sharing a meal with them. We pray that the recipes presented in this book will make the joyful task of entertaining easier. We share them with you in love.

Anne Williams

(NOTE: You may obtain a copy of this cookbook by calling Kinston First P. H. Church at 252-522-0287.)

RALEIGH DISTRICT WM RALLY

Prior to being elected to the NCWM Board, Meshelder Richardson served as the Raleigh District WM Director. With the fall rally already in the planning stages at the time of her election, Meshelder, along with the Raleigh District local directors, completed their plans for an exceptional district meeting which was held on September 26 at The Capital Church in Raleigh. The theme was ***Caring For The Temple***. The day began with Praise and Worship in the sanctuary led by a team from The Grace Church in Cary. Karen Barnhill, current Raleigh District WM Director, gave the devotion. Following prayer, the group migrated to the Fellowship Building for a HEALTH & NUTRITION FAIR where they had opportunities for blood pressure checks, cholesterol screenings, glaucoma screenings, nutrition counseling, and skin care counseling. Special features were the exercise workout session and the food/nutrition seminar. All the sessions were held by professionals in the various fields. Handouts were available for the ladies to take home. The ladies greatly enjoyed the activities and left the meeting with a greater understanding and appreciation of the Spiritual and Physical Fitness area of the Women's Ministries program.

Raleigh District WM Director Karen Barnhill gets a blood pressure check.

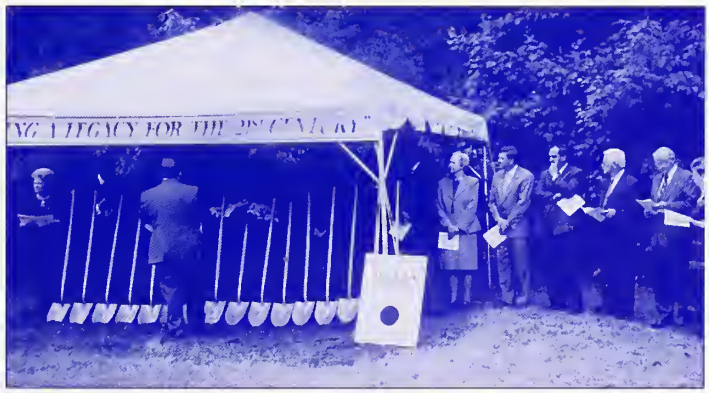
Dr. Andrew Cook, of Garner Family Eyecare, does glaucoma check on Eva Waters (WM Director of Emmanuel Church).

FEAST OF INGATHERING

NCWM Director Linda Thomas, along with Assistant Director Janice Marshburn and board Member Phyllis Harrell, delivered your gifts to Feast of Ingathering at Emmanuel College and Ingathering '98 at Holmes Bible College. Superintendent Long and Rev. Chris Thompson, as well as a few other NC Conference people, also attended. Both events were very well attended and most successful. The North Carolina Conference gifts totaled $59,090.40 for Emmanuel and $13,128.15 for Holmes. In addition to these, $60 has been sent to Southwestern School of Christian Ministries and $25 to Pacific Coast Bible College as was designated by donors. The total 1998 Feast of Ingathering Offering is $72,303.55.

Special recognition goes, again this year, to the Kinston First WM for their contribution of $13,000. They received a plaque from Emmanuel College for being the largest church donation. For every $500 contributed by the local WM, Emmanuel gives a scholarship in the amount of $50 for the church to give to young people who attend Emmanuel College. Please see that these scholarships are used. If you do not have anyone in your church who will use the scholarship, please send it to Linda Thomas; it will be presented to young people who apply through NCWM at the WM Convention in June.

Emmanuel College students from the NC Conference enjoyed the visit with folks from home, as well as the gifts they received from NCWM, at the 1998 Feast of Ingathering Banquet.



Holmes Bible College not only celebrated Ingathering '98, but also used this occasion to have a dedication and groundbreaking service for the new campus. Our own Mr. Daneel laRoux, who serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, along with Mrs. Juanita Russell, Mr. Joe Strickland and Rev. Jimmy Whitfield, who serve as trustees, participated in this event.

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Heaven is like. I now have more to go to Heaven for than I had before. She is experiencing what she worked for her whole life. Those songs were not just songs to her. They were her life and her testimony and everybody knew it. I have fond memories of sitting on mama's knee listening to her sing during our years in the Bailey Church. (This is how I obtained an ear for singing alto.)

I emptied her nest as I left for Holmes College of the Bible in 1980. It was hard for her but she knew God had a purpose in my life. It was not until then that I discovered her keen sense of humor. When she came on the Holmes/Emmanuel trip to visit me, the ladies traveling with her told me that she was the life of the trip. I was surprised. I had never seen that side of her because she was always so busy raising children, working in the fields, and serving the church along side of Daddy.

When the Lord called us to Oklahoma to work at Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, Mama was so supportive even though she wasn't thrilled for me to be so far away from home. She said, "You have to follow the leading of the Lord, Ginger." My biggest fear about living so far away was what I have just experienced with her sickness and death. Upon arriving home for Thanksgiving last year, we discovered that she had been admitted to the hospital. She was there for the duration of our visit. Little did we know that would be the last time my husband John and our children Karen, 13, and Rachel, 9, would see her alive on this earth. Since we came home for Thanksgiving we stayed in Oklahoma for Christmas. We did not realize that would be the last Christmas she would be with us. By the way, it was the first Christmas I ever spent away from my family.

Late in April I made last minute reservations to fly home during a critical time in her sickness. I never imagined those ten days were my last days with her on this earth. I knew it was a possibility, but I felt sure she would get better and the next time I would come home she would be well. She came off the respirator a few days after I arrived. I walked into her room and for 30 to 40 minutes she laid there whispering, "Thank you Jesus, Thank you Lord." When she wasn't thanking Him, she was speaking in tongues. I thought, "How could she be thankful in the shape she was in?" What a blessing she was! I was there to support her. However, in the time I spent with her she was encouraging to me. That's the kind of person she was.

God in His infinite wisdom allowed her to be off the respirator while I was there to give us a chance say goodbye — although I didn't realize it would be our last goodbye. Before my plane touched down in Oklahoma, she was back on the respirator.

The nurses who cared for Mama told us that they knew there was a higher power present and working in her behalf. She was being a witness for Christ and she was barely conscious. What a lesson for us! Many people have told me how she encouraged them and even brought them out of depression – gave them hope. They just felt better after talking to her.

She was a teacher in many ways to many people. She may not have stood in front of a Sunday school class, but she taught by the life she lived before others day in and day out. I never heard her and Daddy have cross words. I'm sure they had disagreements, but we never heard them. I also never knew they had church problems because they didn't air their problems. What a testimony! They have suffered many heartaches – especially when they lost Ruth in 1992. But they always stood true and trusted in God. Mama and Ruth are together now.

She was a fighter even until the end. She was so strong. She was so loved. During my family's bereavement, I could hardly believe all the food, paper products, sodas, flowers, and people that poured in for support. We were reaping the benefits of the many bowls of collards and chicken pastry she had prepared for the bereaved. She could cook! Homemade biscuits, pies and cakes graced our table almost every meal. She was a special lady. I don't just say that now because she's gone. I am so fortunate to have such a wonderful heritage. I believe in giving people their praises while they're still alive. I expressed my love and appreciation to both my parents in separate letters before I moved to Oklahoma. If this article does nothing else, let me encourage you to tell those that you love how you feel about them. Take every opportunity to do something special for your loved ones while they are alive. I can't say I have a lot of regrets because I had a good relationship with my mother and I am thankful for that. Of course she is a big part of why I am who I am today. I don't know what my future ministry holds but my desire is to take the mantle that she left and make a difference for good in the lives of people as she did everywhere she went.

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or relying solely on the pastor to reach new people for Christ. None of these approaches to evangelism are effective over the long haul.

Small churches can be extremely effective in outreach. However, in order to overcome this barrier, they must develop three aspects of ministry: a sense of mission, a sense of urgency, and an open fellowship.

Obstacle 3 for small churches is inadequate programming.

Every pastor of a small church has experienced sadness upon losing people due to the lack of programming. Parents of teenagers often leave a small church to find a larger church with an active youth program. Musicians leave smaller churches to become involved in a church offering a greater variety of music. Creative people move to other churches to find additional outlets for their new approaches to ministry.

A contributing factor to inadequate programming in small churches is the cutback syndrome. With the best of intentions, leaders cut back on staff, programs, maintenance, and outreach to save the church money. Regrettably, cutting back to save money reduces potential for reaching new people and assimilating them into the church.

Obstacle 4 for small churches is downward momentum.

If you can remember a time when you removed the plug in the bottom of a sink full of water, you will comprehend this obstacle. Once the downward pull of the water begins, it pulls everything else along with it. This is precisely the case in many small churches, particularly those which have declined from a larger size. Once a church begins declining, retreating inward, and cutting back on ministry, it becomes next to impossible to focus on anything but survival. That is why for many smaller churches the number one priority is survival.

Obstacle 5 for small churches is ingrown fellowship.

This obstacle may be the primary one confronting small churches. The longer a church remains small, and the longer it is in existence, the more ingrown the fellowship structures become. The normal fellowship structures -groups, classes, circles - become so full they can no longer absorb outsiders. If the church has a high age profile, i.e., the people in the congregation are older, the ingrownness can be heightened.

Now that I know where the blockages are, it will be much easier to design a strategy to remove them from my church.

Which of these obstacles are found in your church? What steps can you take to remove them? When can you begin?

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MEN'S MINISTRIES

Jack Kelley, Acting Director

- It's over...but for those who attended the ***First Annual Men's Ministries Advance*** at Falcon on September 18 and 19 it was an exceptional time. There was something for everyone...for those who tried to play golf, we had a tournament at the Keith Hills Golf Course, and yes it was serious, funny, and a time for new friendships and fellowship. The Friday night and Saturday morning meetings were unique and in my fourteen years of attending Men's Ministries events, this was the best...A+. With ***"Duty First"*** as the theme, I can't think of two better speakers than Major General Jerry Boykin and Reverend Larry Jackson. You will recall that General Boykin is the Commander of the U.S. Army Special Forces and Reverend Larry Jackson is a Promise Keepers' platform speaker. It was one of those "you had to be there" to really feel the awesome time we had.

- If you missed being there, we do have tapes of the two speakers, General Boykin and Reverend Larry Jackson...they are $5.00 each plus postage...give us a call at (910) 323-4777 or drop us a note at Men's Ministries, P.O. Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 28305. ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR...September 17-18, 1999...*** *for the* ***Advance*** *next year.*

- Still to go in 1998: In October...the ***TEAMShare*** drive to raise both prayer and financial support for Men's Ministries, and in November...the Send the Light campaign where we focus on placing gospel literature for 1999 in the United States and overseas.

- Check this!

A. Promise Keepers Vibrant Men's Ministry Training...

Date	***City***	***Date***	***City***
10/24/98	Raleigh	11/07/98	Asheboro
11/14/98	Asheville	11/14/98	Greenville
11/14/98	Wilmington	11/21/98	Fayetteville
12/05/98	Charlotte #1	01/16/99	Charlotte #2

(8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

If there is a need to start or strengthen your men's ministry, Vibrant Men's Ministry Training is designed for a pastor to attend with a core group of leaders.

Come and learn some answers to the following questions:

- What is the foundation for a Vibrant Men's Ministry?
- What is the "Missing Link" in men's ministry?
- How do we start or strengthen a Vibrant Men's Ministry?
- How can I know what the men want and need in my church?
- What are the steps and the scope for "Reconciliation"?
- How can I include an entry point for all the men to be involved?

For more information or to register, call the Charlotte Promise Keepers' office at 704-442-8550

B. "Blue Print" Training for pastors/core group of leaders – Falcon, NC – April 17, 1999

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

SIMS P.H. CHURCH

Sims P.H. Church expresses our appreciation to God for His many blessings. Two years ago the church needed the floor fixed and new carpet. The need was given to the church, and in six months the money was donated. We knew then that our roof would soon have to be fixed. A small church like ours could never raise the money and fix it by the winter through sales. People in the church gave what they could. We raised half of the $6,000 needed. We received $1,380, still not enough for our roof. The district sent a letter to the district churches expressing our need. God laid it on the heart of Westmoreland, Stantonsburg, Shiloh First - Wilson, and Thompson Chapel to send us help. The First Church in Goldsboro gave a donation when the pastor heard of our need. We received $1,730 dollars. It was heart touching when people handed you a check from $100 to $500 for your need. We just thank God for supplying our need. The roof is finished. He met the need in four months, with $110 to spare. He knew we will need to paint the boxing. Many thanks to all of you for your help.

Sims P. H. Church
Joy Weaver

SPECIAL NOTE: God is at work in our churches. By working together and standing together we can accomplish so much more. When a brother (or church) is in need, we should rise to the occasion. Praise the Lord for all those who made the Sims project a success.

Director Chris Thompson

CPR CLASSES

The Conference Revitalization Forum as sponsored by the Conference Evangelism Ministries, has expanded to a series of CPR classes. The CPR classes will be offered periodically in various locations. CPR stands for Church Planting and Revitalization. This program will be sponsored by the Conference and sub-sponsored by Evangelism USA (Oklahoma City) under the portfolio of Dr. Owen Weston.

The purpose of the CPR meetings will be to enhance revival and growth within the churches. The overall focus will be on church planting and revitalization. The specific focus in the beginning will be on revitalization.

The series of meetings will ultimately cover the 15 points of Church Revitalization as specified by Dr. Owen Weston. Each meeting will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with refreshments and question time to follow.

The CPR team for the North Carolina Conference will be Superintendent Long, Chris Thompson, and David Wheeler. Other guest speakers will be invited for special topics.

The first session will cover vision (1 hour) and worship (1 hour). The meetings are scheduled as follows:

October 15th— Heritage Church, New Bern
October 29th— Saint Pauls Church, Saint Pauls
November 19th— Living Faith, Rocky Mount

These sessions are open to anyone - clergy and laity. It really is imperative for the success of the program that the lay leaders of each church be present.

No registration or fee is required to attend.

REVIEW OF 7-STAR PROGRAM

Time is getting short to earn the stars for the 7-Star Missions Program for churches. Below is a review of the stars. Churches have until December 31st of this year to earn any additional stars. Time is short!

7-STAR RECOGNITION FOR YEAR 1998

The 7-Star Recognition System of the N.C. Conference is a way to award special achievement in World Missions. It is also a way to encourage the development of a balanced world missions program for the local church.

Here is a brief review of the 7-Star System:

STAR #1

A church has a local missions director and/or participates in local missions promotional events rallies, F.E.S.T., missions meal, etc.

STAR #2

Church receives monthly missions offering and mails it in.

STAR #3

Church supports a missionary.

STAR #4

Church contributes an annual "GO" Offering.

STAR #5

Church contributes to People to People Program (preferably supports a People to People child). Children may be received by calling the Conference Missions Office.

STAR #6

Church or member is a member of the Conference Church Planter's Fellowship or church contributes to church planting either on the mission field or within the USA.

STAR #7

Church supports a special project in World Missions such as mug-a-month, church buildings, purchase of Bibles, refugees, etc.

Special Missionary Updates

Dixie Brown - Dixie needs our prayers. She has had surgery for cancer. It is my understanding that the surgery went well. She had the surgery in Africa and remains in Africa.

Doris Wong - Doris has resigned from World Missions effective the standard 90 days. Doris lost her husband to cancer nearly two years ago. Continue to pray for her.

Timmy and Gail Bowen - Timmy and Gail are presently scheduled to depart for Africa on October 18th.

Our prayers and love go with them. They will be involved in evangelism and church planting in Mozambique.

Darrel & Bonnie Clowers - Darrel and Bonnie are nearing the end of their itineration process. They depart North Carolina for Colorado in January for a three-week family survival training. They then will minister on the west coast through April. In April they leave for language school and then on to Panama.

Kim Nobles - Kim has had some medical setbacks. Pray for her medically and as she continues to itinerate.

Betty Rogers - Betty is living in the Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home in Falcon. She continues to improve from her two surgeries early this year. She is back preaching and itinerating. She will be returning to the field in the spring.

Althea Meyer - A NEW MISSIONARY; Althea Meyer transferred to the North Carolina Conference from South Africa in August. She has now been approved as a missionary candidate. She is already actively raising her support. Althea and daughter Gaby are sharing the missions home in Falcon with Betty Rogers.

Once she gets to South Africa, Althea will be assisting Betty Rogers in the Advance Program and will be helping her with other teaching assignments.

This lady is a fantastic preacher / teacher and is an expert in child evangelism. She will be a blessing to any group and church where she ministers.

Ron and Sharon Wooten - The Wooten family will be coming home on furlough in the summer of 1999. They will be staying either in Falcon or in the Jackie Wilson Missions Home, Clinton.

Ed and Judy Sauvageau - Ed and Judy will be coming home for furlough sometime in early 1999.

Stephen and Andrea Hall - Stephen and Andrea will be moving into the Clinton Missions Home in January. They are from Oklahoma. They will be itinerating to go to Ghana. More information will be given later.

1999 School of Evangelism
"Vision for Mission"

Tulsa, OK	Greenville, SC	Sacramento, CA
Jan 7-9, 1999	**January 14-16, 1999**	**January 21-23, 1999**
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Dr. Stan Toler	*Dr. David Cooper*	*Rev. E. V. Hill II*
Marriott Hotel	Hilton Hotel	Executive Inn
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Hotel Information

You can make your reservations by calling the number of the hotel where you will be attending the School of Evangelism. Simply identify yourself with Evangelism USA — "School of Evangelism." Group rates will be honored two days prior/after the event on a space available basis. Be prepared to secure your room with a credit card.

Registration

Registration Fee: $15 per person by December 30, 1998 * $25 per person at the door. ***Registration packet will include:*** •Complimentary book by Dr. Stan Toler • Seminar Workbook • Notepad and pen • EVUSA Promotional Materials • Restaurant coupons • Audio Tape Order Form.

Mail check to: **IPHC Ministries School of Evangelism P.O. Box 12609 Oklahoma City, OK 73157**
www.iphc.org/evusa.html

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1898-1998

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) celebrates 100 years of ministry in 1998. Though local churches were established before 1898, the first convention of the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church was held that year in Anderson, South Carolina. A number of churches are observing their 100th anniversaries this year.

Throughout the year, churches and conferences will celebrate God's faithfulness. It is important for this generation to recognize the wonderful ways God has blessed the entire church through this century.

It is easy for a local fellowship or a denomination to lose sight of the vision and mission for which God established it. By examining our beginnings, we will sense afresh the purpose God has for the Pentecostal Holiness Church. We need to recall the wonderful works of God and rejoice in a century of His Blessings.

Yet we must not linger in the past. We must seize the future as we live out the purpose of God for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. During this year of celebration, we seek a fresh anointing for a new century of powerful Pentecostal ministry.

—James D. Leggett
General Superintendent

Celebrate the Past Seize the Future

How does an organization celebrate 100 years of global ministry? When considering a century packed with dynamic leadership and important milestones, it's difficult to tell the whole story in one setting. That's why the Centennial Commission has planned celebrations in two significant, historical regions for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church: Oklahoma and North Carolina.

North Carolina November 22-24

Wayne County Courthouse
Goldsboro, North Carolina
November 22
2 p.m.

The Centennial festivities will move to the East Coast and Goldsboro, North Carolina, on November 22, as participants gather for prayer and praise on the steps of the Wayne County Courthouse. A bronze plaque commemorates the birthplace of the Goldsboro church.

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro claims the distinction as the first local fellowship organized as a Pentecostal Holiness Church. The congregation will have celebrated its Centennial Homecoming in a special service on Sunday morning.

Gospel Tabernacle
Dunn, North Carolina
November 23
7:30 p.m.

On Monday evening, the Gospel Tabernacle Choir in Dunn, North Carolina, will present a reminiscent musical program that will carry participants back to the turn of the Century and the revival that became known as "Azusa Street East." The evening will feature a dramatization of the Reverend G. B. Cashwell, the Pentecostal Holiness preacher who held a month-long revival in 1907 that revolutionized the Holiness Movements in the South.

"Cashwell issued special invitations to ministers of the Holiness Church, the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church, and the holiness element of the Free-Will Baptist Church to attend...Preachers listened in awe as Cashwell spoke with other tongues and encouraged others to seek the Pentecostal Baptism" (*The Old-Time Power*, Vinson Synan).

Scores of people experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit at the Dunn Revival. Some preachers of note in the Pentecostal Holiness Church who received their Pentecost at Dunn included G. F. Taylor, A. H. Butler, J. A. Culbreth, M. D. Seller, R. B. Jackson, and W. B. Strickland. These men took the message to many communities in North Carolina.

Bishop James Leggett will close the service with a message that will focus the church on the opportunities of a new millennium.

Falcon, North Carolina
November 24
11 a.m.

Falcon Children's Home will help the church celebrate its Centennial by hosting a "birthday party" as part of its annual Harvest Train activities. At 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the administration, staff, and residents of the Home will present a program that will include music and drama, and will climax with the presentation of a special birthday cake.

J. A. Culbreth incorporated and opened Falcon Orphanage in 1909. On April 7, 1943, Falcon Children's Home was transferred to the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and it has remained a significant, benevolent ministry of the church. The Home serves children who are orphaned or from dysfunctional families.

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Following lunch in the Conference Dining Hall, the Centennial Celebration will continue in the **Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle** with a "family reunion" at 2:30. Special guests have been invited to attend from the Congregational Holiness Church, the United Holy Church of America, The Pentecostal Free-Will Baptist Church, the Emmanuel Holiness Church, and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas. A multimedia presentation by Dr. Vinson Synan will help the church appreciate her rich history in the grace of God.

5 - 6 p.m.

At 5 p.m. a Seize-the-Future Forum will convene in the **Octagon Tabernacle** in Falcon. This small, octagon-shaped building was the site of the signing of the merger between the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church on January 30, 1911.

The Forum will conclude with a brief challenge by Bishop James D. Leggett titled "Into the Twenty-first Century."

Centennial Celebration
The International Pentecostal Holiness Church 1898-1998

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David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

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Is Sunday School a Dinosaur in a Technological World?

If you were at District Conference, you picked up on the fact that I am a "Sunday School man." I believe that a good, strong Sunday School can be an integral part of the growth strategy of a Great Commission church — and **every** church can and **should** be a Great Commission church!

Sunday School can be an integral part of the growth strategy of a Great Commission church.

Regarding the church, Jesus said three things: (1) it is His church; (2) He will build it; and (3) hell will not defeat it! (Matthew 16:18) Nowhere are ***we*** authorized to build churches ourselves ***except*** as part of our strategy in carrying out the Great Commission. Therefore all we do in church planting, all we do in church administration, all we do in church ministry must be designed to further that one goal — obeying the Great Commission. Matthew 28:19-20 makes it plain what we are to be spending our time and resources doing: winning, assimilating, and discipling.

If these are the work of the church, they are also the work of the Sunday School. It stands to reason that a Great Commission Sunday School will be accomplishing Great Commission purposes. In other words, Sunday School should not just be ***reflecting*** the growth in your church, it should be one of the ***primary growth producers*** in your church. If your Sunday School is not fueling growth, Author Ken Hemphill in his book Revitalizing the Sunday Morning Dinosaur, makes several assertions as to why this might be so.

He first lists ***loss of evangelistic focus*** as a prime cause. Few modern-day Sunday Schools have a clearly defined evangelistic focus. If you ***ask*** people why they attend Sunday School, they will probably say, "for Bible teaching." However, if you ***analyze*** most classes, you would find that fellowship was more a factor than systematic study of the Bible. In the majority of Sunday Schools, if the class is growing, it is because of the ***fellowship*** experienced. Fellowship is good, but it is not all there is to the Great Commission strategy of the church! The underlying goal of the church as a whole is ***evangelism***, and this should be reflected in the Sunday School as well.

Second is ***loss of emphasis and commitment.*** As the evangelistic focus was lost, the excitement was lost, and when excitement waned, many pastors and church leaders lost their enthusiasm for Sunday School. Then we began to hear speakers say, "The day of Sunday School is over! It has served its purpose, but it is time to move on to something else, something more modern." The emphasis shifted to the once-a-week Morning Worship Service as the source of excitement in the church. However, people soon missed the closeness they knew in smaller group settings, so the Cell Group movement gained strength. Many modern churches say that Sunday School is dead, and has been replaced by Cell Group ministry. The interesting thing is that a Cell Ministry is considered successful if 25% of Morning Worship crowd is involved, but most Sunday Schools include 60 to 80 percent of the Morning Worshipers! Amazingly, "old-fashioned" Sunday School has the potential to reach ***two to three times*** as many people as Cell Ministry — if it is properly structured and promoted.

Sunday School has the potential to reach two to three times as many people as Cell Ministry.

Third, he lists ***loss of vision for the total work of the Sunday School.*** A properly functioning Sunday School class will achieve three purposes: outreach, fellowship, and discipleship. The class that focuses solely on fellowship may lose sight of the need for winning the lost; the class that focuses purely on evangelism may bring them in, but fail to teach them to obey the commands of Christ, or even what those commands are; the class that is focused purely on Bible teaching may fail to make new people feel loved, appreciated, and wanted. A well-structured Sunday School class will maintain a balanced commitment to the total work of the church.

Fourth, there is often a ***lack of a clear purpose statement.*** Every church ought to look at each of its activities and ask the question, "Why are we doing this?" If there is not a reason that clearly relates to the Great Commission in general, and the Mission of that church in specific, it may be time to re-evaluate the effectiveness of

that activity. Every leader of every Sunday School class should know why the Sunday School exists and what niche their class is designed to fill. Loss of a sense of purpose has crippled many churches and Sunday Schools.

A Sunday School that is afraid of change will not effectively minister to the world of today.

Fifth is ***fear of innovation.*** Many people have an automatic fear of "changing things." Yet, everything ***outside*** the church is changing! We have the task of carrying an unchanging gospel to an ***ever-changing*** world.

Our ***message*** remains ever the same, but our ***methods*** must change over time. Many Sunday School teachers are using the same teaching methods they (or their parents) used thirty years ago. Many Sunday School leaders are doing things exactly as their predecessors did two generations ago. Sunday School has been compared to a dinosaur. Many people believe that those great lizards died off because the world changed faster than they could adapt to those changes. Let's don't let this happen to the main "teaching arm" of our church! A Sunday School that is afraid of change will not effectively minister to the world of today.

Again, let me say it: Sunday School can be an integral part of the growth strategy of a Great Commission church. We must resist the urge to give up on something that has served the church well for many years. Let us rather look for ways to revitalize, revive, and fine-tune it to make it better. All the foregoing assertions may not apply to your church, but one or more does. Which one or ones apply? What are you willing to do about it?

Remember
Harvest Train
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Merry Christmas from the North Carolina Conference

Let's do our part to sing His praises in spreading the Good News that Christ the Lord is born!
We wish for you and your family a Holy Spirit-anointed, Christ-filled Christmas.

T. Elwood Long

Merry Christmas

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MAY THE "ROSE OF SHARON" BE THE CENTERPIECE IN YOUR HOME THIS CHRISTMAS

WESTA BAREFOOT

Joy to the World

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Above all that Christmas means, it means **HOPE.** It signifies a change from the bondages of the past to the birth of a brighter future. Christ is the difference. Betty and I pray that 1999 will be a Christ-filled new year full of **Hope** and **Joy.**

–Chris Thompson

A Special Wish For You

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Our prayerful desire is for all the Evangel readers to enjoy a most blessed Christ-centered Christmas! The manger baby, the little boy in the carpenter's shop, the compassionate teacher and healer, the crucified lamb, the risen conqueror, the majestic intercessor and the coming King is our Lord Jesus Christ! Celebrate Him!

Elwood and Sylvia Long

As a child I use to count how many presents were under the Christmas tree that were mine. The years have passed and that doesn't seem important anymore – instead this year I want to count my blessings. May the joy of the Lord be yours all year long.

Rose Nelson

Celebrate the season with friends, family, and love in your heart. Peace to you and yours at this most holy time.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dolores Reynolds

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Home for the Holidays

Christmas is a time when families gather from near and far to spend time with each other. It is a perfect time to recall that we are all a part God's family, born into His household through the blood of Jesus Christ. Since we ARE His family, let us set aside time to spend with Him this holiday season. Faye and I send warmest Christmas greetings from our house to yours.

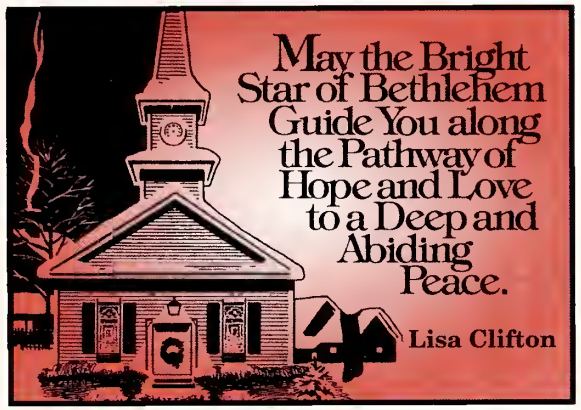
David Wheeler

I wish for blessings sent on angels' wings be rushed to each of you. Protection, help and love divine and peace throughout this Christmas time.

Kay Glover

A brightly lighted evergreen, its limbs laden with multi-colored ornaments, flowing ribbons and luxuriant bows...rooted by the greatest Gift of all.

Merry Christmas
Tommy Vaughan



The Matthew Chapter Two account of the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem states in Verse 11, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPED HIM."

From the moment of the Incarnation of Jesus mankind recognized His deity and man's soul reached out to honor and magnify Him. If unnamed strangers fell down and worshiped Him, how much more should we who have known His mercy and tasted His grace honor Him with our whole lives? Those visitors to Bethlehem brought with them the best of gifts to present to the Christ child. How can we who are indebted to Him for the multitudes of sins He has cleansed us from give Him less than our best?

Hopefully all of us will make sure there is a time and place this Christmas season where family and friends together can "fall down and worship Him."

A true Biblical Christmas will begin on our knees.

May the God of Grace and Glory bless each of us as we honor Christ beside the Wise Men from a position of humility and submission.

Roland Harrell

Sanctity of Human Life Week

January 17-24, 1999

God created Human Life... with a plan and a purpose

Almost 37,000,000 babies have been aborted in 26 years.

America is at risk of losing an estimated 1/3 of the next generation through abortions if we do not accept the challenge of making a difference.

Promotional material will be sent to all pastors in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Pentecostal Freewill Baptist denomination the first week of December.

For more information contact:

ATAM, Inc./The Royal Home
P.O. Box 86
Salemburg, NC 28385
(910) 525-3000

A ministry of Falcon Children's Home and the International Pentecostal Holiness Church

SOHL-Week

Twenty six years and almost 37,000,000 abortions ago the **safest** place for an unborn child was in its mother's womb. Since abortion was legalized in the US, the unborn child's safety is not guaranteed in its mother's womb.

"Deep inside we know, someone dies in every abortion, a **tiny growing child** with **hands** and **eyes** and a **face** and a **beating heart**. Four thousand times a day that beating heart is **stopped**. Abortionists make at least 500 million dollars a year in this country, performing 1.2 million abortions. Only a tiny fraction of these are done for reasons of health, rape, or incest." *Natural Right to Life News 12/97*

Statistics show that 40% of young women planning to abort their babies change their minds while visiting a Pregnancy Care Center and learning about alternatives. Staff working with women who have had an abortion hear these women lament **"If I had only known there was an alternative."**

Since 1990 abortion has been **reduced** over 219,000 per year...still it is estimated that one third of the **next generation** will be lost to abortion unless Christians catch the vision of making a difference. C. Ben Mitchell said, "God's people have a moral obligation to speak up for those who have no voice of their own." Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for **good men to do nothing**."

The Christian community must stand for the unborn babies, informing the uninformed that there **is** a genuine Alternative to Abortion.

That is why ATAM, Inc. is spending time and effort to prepare material for SOHL-Week which is January 17-24, 1999, to help you celebrate the fact that **God created human life—with a plan and purpose**.

Sanctity of Human Life Conference

January 15-16, 1999
The Capital Church
US Hwy. 70 West, Raleigh, NC
Speaker: Barbara Stevenson
Director Emeritus, Charlotte Pregnancy Care Center

If you have any interest in the preservation of life and saving the unborn from abortion...This is for you.

- Fellowship
- Pro-life Information
- Update about ATAM, Inc. Expansion
- Prayer Time

Who Should Attend this Conference?

- Laymen
- Pastors and Ministers
- District Coordinators and Committees
- Local Church Coordinators (LCC)
- Banquet and Golf Committees
- Conference Officials
- General Church Leaders
- Prayer Partners
- Financial Supporters

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Directions to The Capital Church in Raleigh, NC
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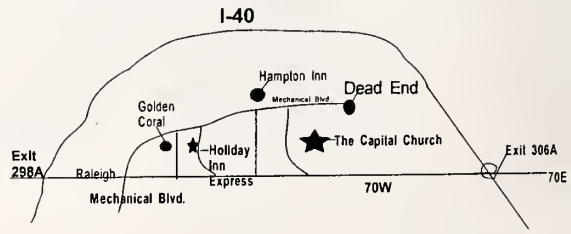

CHURCH NEWS

Disaster Relief USA

People helping people is what **Disaster Relief USA** is all about! In the event of a disaster, Men's Ministries will coordinate **Disaster Recovery Teams** to provide physical, spiritual, and emotional relief for those involved in the devastated area. Brochures or a DRUSA manual are available from Men's Ministries.

People to People Ministries will raise necessary funds. Everyone has the opportunity to partner in this ministry. Whether volunteering your time and expertise or making a financial contribution, you can help!

To find your place in DRUSA, contact:

Men's Ministries
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307
910-323-4777
E-mail: jkelley@iphc.org

To make a financial commitment to DRUSA, your contributions can be given through the church, conference or to People to People Ministries, designated "DRUSA":

People to People Ministries
P.O. Box 12609
Oklahoma City, OK 73157
1-888-474-3966
E-mail: sorvin@iphc.org

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Rev. Norman Butts . . . . . .Dec. 13
Rev. Raymond Potter . . . . . .Dec. 18

Reverend Jimmy Cole Williams Retires October 1, 1998

This marks the end of a long preaching career
For you, Mr. Jimmy Cole, our pastor, and
Mrs. Rena, your wife, who, to us,
have been and still are very dear.
To our church in mid-1994 you came
To minister to us in Jesus' name.
Of our lives you have been a welcomed part,
And we love you both right from our hearts.
You've been a part of the trips we took,
And you worked right along with us
at the chicken dinners we cooked.
You've shared with many your good deeds;
You've visited the sick and those in need.
You've helped us bury our dead,
And we'll always remember the
comforting words you said.
You've shared our joys
And watched women and men grow from
little girls and boys.
Couples in marriage you've united,
And for others to come to the Lord,
you've surely invited.
You've done well these things, but that's not all:
Our church become debt-free, just last year you saw.
You've shared your brick-laying talents
with us and others around.
Why, when you came to us from Moore's Chapel,
we all knew a God-send had been found.
At times, small our crowds have been,
But still you preached the Word, over and over again.
We enjoyed the times when for us you sang,
And the way you were always a part of the going-on things.
We'll miss the pretty pansies, periwinkles,
and other flowers you'd grow;
The golden Lincoln and the grey pick-up always on the go.
Thanks we just want to say for all that you've done,
Now that your retirement has almost begun.
A happy one you deserve
For the Lord and us very well you have served.
May God's blessing to you continue to flow
As back home to Greenville you go.
We love you here and want you to know.
A parting hymn title to ponder is this poem's end:
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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Written on behalf of the congregation of the
First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Mount Olive
on the occasion of the retirement dinner.
September 12, 1998

NC CONFERENCE CALENDAR

January – 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Holiday Office Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Clinton District	8 CEM Convention '99	9
10	11	12	13	14 Fire and Ice '99 EVUSA School of Evangelism, Greenville, SC	15 ATAM Prayer Seminar	16
17 Fire and Ice Sanctity of Human Life Week	18 Martin Luther King Holiday Office Closed	19 Evangelism Appreciation/ Church Planter Banquet PM	20	21 Conference Board Meeting	22 RR Ntl Council – Ridgecrest	23
24 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	25 Stewardship Seminar – Myrtle...	26	27	28 Evangelism Appreciation/ Church Planter Banquet PM	29	30 RR ICS Falcon WM Leadership Seminar Falcon
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Evangelism Board Meeting	3	4 CEM Board Meeting Wilmington & Lumberton Districts Missions Meals	5 Williamston & Fayetteville Districts	6
7	8 Raleigh District Rocky Mount District Missions Meals	9 Greenville District Goldsboro District	10 Morehead City District (AM) Hispanic District (PM)	11 Wilson District New Bern District	12 Clinton District	13
14	15	16 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Fayetteville District	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19	20
21	22	23 Missions Committee / District Director Training 9:30	24	25 SLAC Meeting PM	26	27 Archives Training
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NC CONFERENCE CALENDAR

March – 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Minister's Wives Fellowship	3	4 Rocky Mount District Talent Rally	5 Raleigh District Talent Rally	6 Greenville / Morehead City / New Bern District Talent Rally
	Christian Worker's Institute					
7 Faith Commitment Sunday	8	9 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Goldsboro	10	11 Lumberton District Talent Rally	12 Wilmington District Talent Rally	13 ATAM Fund Raiser Drama & Musical Conference Cafeteria Goldsboro Wilson District Talent Rally
14 WM Founder's Day	15 Royal Rangers Con-Dist Staff Meeting	16	17	18 Conference Board Meeting Williamston District Talent Rally	19	20
	Holmes Founder's Week				WM Retreat VA Beach	
21	22 Emmanuel College Board Meeting	23	24	25	26 Clinton District Talent Rally	27 Fayetteville District Talent Rally
	National Pastor's School - Greensboro, NC					
28 Palm Sunday Retired Minister's Day	29 Raleigh / Wilson Dist Evang Rallies	30 Morehead / New Bern / Dist Evang Rallies	31			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Goldsboro / Greenville District Evang Rallies	2 Good Friday Office Closed	3
4	5 Clinton / Fayetteville District Evang Rallies	6 Lumberton / Wilmington District Evang Rallies	7	8 CEM Board Meeting Rocky Mount / Williamston District Evang Rallies	9 Hispanic District Evangelism Rallies	10
11	12 WM Happy Hearts	13 Evangelism Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Men's Ministry Falcon
18 GEMS Day	19 WM Happy Hearts	20	21	22	23	24
					B/SA LTC	
25	26 WM Happy Hearts	27 Conference Board Meeting	28	29 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Greenville District	30	
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May – 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Conference Junior Talent WM Director's Council
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9 Mother's Day	10	11 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Lumberton District	12	13	14	15 Conference Teen Talent
16	17	18	19	20 Conference Board Meeting	21	22 WIN Prayer Conference Falcon
23 Home Missions & Pentecost Sunday	24	25	26	27 SLAC Meeting PM	28	29 Men's Ministries Meeting (optional)
30	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					

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		1	2	3 Credentials Committee Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Morehead City District	9	10 RR JCE/JTT	11	12 WM Convention Falcon
13 Youth Camp - Senior Week	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day Youth Camp - Junior Week	21	22	23	24 Conference Board Meeting	25	26
27 Youth Camp - Primary Week	28	29	30			

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July – 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ...Youth Camp	2 Independence Holiday Office Closed	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 Evangelism Board Meeting	9	10
				RR JLTC Falcon		
11 "GO" Sunday	12	13 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent New Bern District	14	15 Conference Board Meeting	16	17
National Camporama						
18 Alternate "GO" Sunday	19	20	21	22	23 Annual Conference	24 Youth Emphasis Service
Falcon Camp Meeting						
25 World Missions Service ...Falcon Camp	26	27	28	29	30	31
	National Talent Finals - Location TBA					

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8	9	10 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Rocky Mount District	11	12 SLAC Meeting PM	13	14
15	16	17 Conference Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
				Piney Grove Camp Meeting		
22	23	24	25	26	27 WM District Director's Retreat	28
Piney Grove Camp Meeting						
29 ...Piney Grove	30 Clinton District Conference	31 Fayetteville District Conference				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Evangelism Board Meeting Goldsboro District Conference	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 Greenville District Conference	8	9 Lumberton District Conference	10 Hispanic District Conference	11 B/SA Field Day Falcon
12	13 Morehead City District Conference	14 New Bern District Conference	15	16 Conference Board Meeting Raleigh District Conference	17 NC Men's Advance	18
19	20 Rocky Mount District Conference	21 Williamston District Conference	22	23 Wilmington District Conference	24 RR LTC Falcon	25
26 ...RR LTC	27 Wilson District Conference	28	29	30		

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October – 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Emmanuel Homecoming Week	2
3 ...Emmanuel	4 Feast of Ingathering Emmanuel College Emmanuel College Board Meeting	5 Feast of Ingathering Holmes Bible College	6	7	8	9
10	11 WM Happy Hearts	12 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Williamston District	13	14	15	16 Missions F.E.S.T. Falcon
17	18 Missions Mini - F.E.S.T. PM WM Happy Hearts	19 Missions Mini - F.E.S.T. PM	20	21 Conference Board Meeting Missions Mini - F.E.S.T. PM	22 GEMS LTC Falcon	23
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NC CONFERENCE CALENDAR

November – 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Evangelism Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
	Breaking Barriers Conference - Dr. Owen Weston					
7	8	9 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Wilmington District	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15	16 Lay Leaders Meeting With Superintendent Wilson District	17 Conference Board Meeting	18	19	20
21	22 Falcon Children's Home Board Meeting	23 Harvest Train	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
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December – 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Missions Committee Meeting	3	4
5 Evangelists Sunday	6	7 Superannuate Party - Luncheon	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 All Boards Christmas Party PM	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17	18
19	20	21 Office Christmas Party PM	22	23	24	25
			Holiday - Office Closed			
26	27 Holiday Office Closed	28	29	30	31	

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North Carolina Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

When December arrives, our thoughts begin to turn toward Christmas and all the excitement it brings. There is the shopping, the cooking, the church programs, the caroling, the parties, and all the other activities that seem to have waited until this time of the year to pounce upon us. One of my favorite activities of the Christmas season is the decorating. Soon after Thanksgiving, I find myself up in the attic trying to put together just the right decor for the upcoming season. You see, I have thirty-five years of accumulation of decorations up there. (Joe wonders why the ceiling hasn't fallen in.) I have silver, gold, white, red, purple, blue and green. I have silk greenery, plastic greenery and even paper greenery. I have velvet ribbons, satin ribbons and paper ribbons. There are colored lights and white lights. Some blink and some are continual-burning. Quite a variety to choose from.

Soon afterward we bring the wreaths and ribbons down and adorn the outside doors and windows. The garland and a big red ribbon is placed on the wooden paper box at the road. The lamp post is draped with greenery and ribbons. The lights are intermingled with the garland on the porch rails. The house takes on a festive appearance.

A few days later, we trim the tree. Of course, the big struggle there is the challenge to get one full string of lights to burn. After this is accomplished (or we decide to just ignore those that won't burn), we bring down the dozen or so boxes of accumulated ornaments and trimmings and begin the arduous task of filling all the right spaces on the nine-foot tree that stands in the same corner of our den each year. After several hours of placing and re-placing a mixture of family-favorite ornaments and enough trimmings to achieve a unified theme, we plug in the lights and admire the glitter of the lights and reflections. The wreath is hung over the mantel and the Christmas village is set in place. The nativity scene is set up in a strategic spot and the family Bible is opened to the Christmas story.

The lamps are turned low and the lights on the tree twinkle. However, a favorite ingredient is missing. The candles... it's the candles that bring warmth to the Christmas decor. It's as if all the other lights in the room are superfluous when the candles are lit. The aroma, the glow, the flickering shadows and the warmth ... all these features are pure and natural. The candle creates the true atmosphere of Christmas for me.

I look at the candle and ponder it's influence on me as relates to the Christmas season. I think I know what it is. Much of what we include in our decorating is superficial when it comes to the true meaning of Christmas. However, the candle is symbolic. Jesus said "I am the Light of the world." In the candle, I can see the personality of Christ — the sweet fragrance of love, the glow of His presence, the flickering shadows of God's protection, and the warmth of the Holy Spirit. All these attributes shine forth from the flame that glows.

Then it seems that just one candle isn't enough. I bring out more ... and more... until the room is flooded with candlelight. You see, when Jesus left, we were instructed to be light to the world. If we allow the Light to shine through our lives, we can flood the world with the aroma and warmth of Jesus Christ.

HAPPY HEARTS MAKE HEARTS HAPPY...

During the month of October, Happy Hearts around the North Carolina Conference met for their regional meetings. In Clinton, Greenville and Smithfield, the ladies gathered for a time of fellowship, bringing with them the stuffed Christmas stockings they had made to send to Red Hook Pentecostal Holiness Church in Brooklyn, New York. Five hundred twenty stockings were collected and shipped to the Red Hood Church where they will be used as ministry tools for the street children of their community.

The ladies who met in Clinton were blessed by the message which Leota Ward delivered. In Greenville, Mrs. Clara Williams spoke; and Mrs. Sue Parker was the speaker at the Holt's Lake (Smithfield) meeting. Each of the meetings included music, fun and fellowship as well as a good meal.

The group who met at Clinton enjoyed a special treat following the meeting by traveling to Salemburg to visit the Royal Home which is a part of the ATAM (Alternative to Abortion Ministry). At the

home, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Whitfield welcomed them and gave them a tour of the facility. They also had the opportunity to visit with some of the girls who are current residents of the home. Mrs. Blanche Pollard, Conference Happy Hearts Director, and Mrs. Patsy Payne, Fayetteville District WM Director, accompanied them.

Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Whitfield welcome Happy Hearts to the Royal Home.

Mrs. Pollard visits with a young lady who is a resident of the Royal Home.

A SURPRISING "FAMILY" REUNION

Sisters in Christ... sometimes we take that simple phrase lightly, forgetting what Christ has really done to change our relationship with others. My recent experiences have brought new meaning to those often-used words. I have been vividly reminded that Sisters in Christ means never really being a stranger to another child of God because you have Him in common.

As the newly-appointed Greenville District Women's Ministries Director, I was quickly scheduled to attend a District Director's Retreat. A very green "new kid on the block," I only knew a handful of the ladies who were supposed to be at Linda's Bay River house that weekend. The butterflies in my stomach made me feel like it was the first day of school again! Thankfully, though, I soon found that I had nothing to dread. The same sweet Lord that lives in my heart was alive and well in the hearts of those who attended the meeting that weekend. The welcoming presence of the Holy Spirit immediately built a "sisterly" bridge between every lady there. After all, we were there because we love the Lord and because we had a common, heartfelt desire to do His work. As Sisters in Christ, we enjoyed a wonderful retreat of fellowship, training and worship as relatives, not mere acquaintances!

A similar experience awaited me at the first meeting of the local Women's Ministries directors in the Greenville District. "Nervous excitement" aptly described my predominant emotion that morning before our breakfast meeting. Even the delicious smells of the fresh coffee and the hot-out-of-the-oven cinnamon rolls didn't bring me comfort! But, again, something WONDERFUL happened as those precious Christian ladies began to arrive; I saw Someone I knew shining in their eyes! Though I didn't know their names, it was my Sisters coming in to join me. Our mutual Lord's binding presence left no strangers in our midst.

At each subsequent event I have been privileged to attend, I have found new family waiting to meet me there. I have discovered the priceless reality that having Christ in common overrides every other difference and can make even the mostly unlikely pairs compatible. And... I share this priceless truth with you: THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN HAVING A SISTER, ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE'S A **SISTER IN CHRIST!**

Submitted by Gail Goff
Greenville District WM Director

Gail is married to Tommy Goff, and they have a seven-year-old son, T.J. She is a member of Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church where she serves as Missions Director, an assistant Sunday school teacher, nursery volunteer, and choir member. She formerly served as a WM circle Leader and the local WM Secretary-Treasurer. She was recently appointed as Greenville District WM Director by the conference WM Board.

NEW BEGINNINGS

•1999 Women's Ministries Study Course includes three choices:

1. DESIGNING A WOMAN'S LIFE
   A Bible Study/Workbook is available.
   Author - Judith Couchman
   Publisher - Multnomah Books
2. WOMEN OF DESTINY
   Author - Cindy Jacobs Publisher - Regal Books
3. THE POWER OF VISION
   Author - George Barna
   Publisher - Regal Books

•1999 Prayer Emphases: Tuesday's House of Prayer

Tuesday will become a focused day of prayer as women across the denomination unite and intercede to break the yokes and strongholds binding our families, communities and nations.

A HOLIDAY RECIPE...

4 Cups of Love
2 Cups of Loyalty
3 Cups of Forgiveness
1 Cup of Friendship
4 Tablespoons of Kindness
6 Tablespoons of Hope
5 Teaspoons of Tenderness
1 Quart of Understanding
4 Gallons of Faith
1 Barrel of Laughter

Take love, loyalty and forgiveness. Mix it thoroughly with friendship, kindness and hope. Add tenderness and understanding. Marinate in faith. Mix in laughter and bake with Sonshine. Serve generous helpings daily throughout the holiday season. Serves all.

Anonymous

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THE QUADRENNIUM

It has taken some time, with all the pastoral moves, but the leadership team for Evangelism / World Missions has finally been assimilated. These individuals will lead the Conference into the 21st Century in the ministries of Evangelism and World Missions. The team is as follows:

Chairman — Superintendent Elwood Long
Director — D. Chris Thompson

District Directors

Clinton — Jeff Bartlett
Fayetteville — Frank Gentry
Goldsboro — Tim Creel
Greenville — Allen Mayo
Lumberton — Jim Skinner
Morehead City — Vance Harrell
New Bern — Rudolph Britt
Raleigh — Jimmy Barnhill
Rocky Mount — L. B. Avery
Williamston — Danny Harris
Wilmington — Tommy McLaurin
Wilson — Michael Capps

World Missions Committee

W.M. Representative—Meshelder Richardson
C.E. Representative — Oris Hubbard
Evangelism Representative — Frank Gentry
Men's Ministry Representative —
Pastoral Representative — Greg Long
Lay Representative — Frances Hollingsworth
Advisors — Raymond Potter, Sue Parker

District Units

Clinton	Dist. Director	Jeff Bartlett	New Bern	Dist. Director	Rudolph Britt
	Dist. Secretary	Mike Carter		Dist. Secretary	Gary Webber
	Dist. Pastor	Bobby Smith		Dist. Pastor	Mel House
	Dist. Layman	Donnie Faircloth		Dist. Layman	Allen Mercer
Fayetteville	Dist. Director	Frank Gentry	Raleigh	Dist. Director	Jimmy Barnhill
	Dist. Secretary	Ron Cannon		Dist. Secretary	Vernon Potter
	Dist. Pastor	Dallas Gurganus		Dist. Pastor	Frank Elliott
	Dist. Layman	Larry Godwin		Dist. Layman	Kevin Arthur
Goldsboro	Dist. Director	Tim Creel	Rocky Mt.	Dist. Director	Bruce Avery
	Dist. Secretary	Billy Rose		Dist. Secretary	T. P. Davis
	Dist. Pastor	Berry House		Dist. Pastor	Vince Moore
	Dist. Layman	James McPhatter		Dist. Layman	Bert Boone
Greenville	Dist. Director	Allen Mayo	Williamston	Dist. Director	Danny Harris
	Dist. Secretary	David Wood		Dist. Secretary	Paul Edwards
	Dist. Pastor	R. L. Downing		Dist. Pastor	Roger Leggett
	Dist. Layman	Charlie Harris		Dist. Layman	Ernie Jenkins
Lumberton	Dist. Director	Jim Skinner	Wilmington	Dist. Director	Tommy McLaurin
	Dist. Secretary	Greg Long		Dist. Secretary	R. N. Hood
	Dist. Pastor	Ray Faircloth		Dist. Pastor	Raymond Whitehurst
	Dist. Layman	Buck Terry		Dist. Layman	H. P. Williamson
Morehead	Dist. Director	Vance Harrell	Wilson	Dist. Director	Mike Capps
City	Dist. Secretary	Marty Warren		Dist. Secretary	Emmett Turner
	Dist. Pastor	Bill Hooper		Dist. Pastor	Paul Weaver
	Dist. Layman	Anthony Nelson		Dist. Layman	Glen Davis

1999 SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

The 1999 School of Evangelism sponsored by Evangelism USA, Oklahoma City will be held in Greenville, South Carolina on January 14-16. The guest speakers will be Star Tolar and David Cooper. Both are outstanding and well-known speakers. Tolar pastors and works with John Maxwell. Cooper is the Senior Pastor of Mount Paran Church of God, Atlanta, Georgia.

It is highly recommended that pastors and ministers attend this meeting. Those desiring more information may call the Conference Office or register with Evangelism USA, Oklahoma City (405)787-7110 ext. 3314.

OUR NEWEST MISSIONARY

It is a pleasure to welcome Althea Meyer to the N.C. Conference and to World Missions. Althea joined the Conference in August. She was approved as a missionary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in September. She has already begun her itineration. She will be working in Children's Ministry in Africa, setting up a Children's WIN Network, and assisting Betty Rogers in the Advance Program. Althea is an outstanding communicator. She will make a tremendous missionary.

Althea is presently living in the Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home in Falcon. She may be reached at P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342, (910) 980-1419 or e-mail 103115.2705@compuserve.com. It is a joy for her to visit and minister in the churches. She hopes to leave for the field in July. Below is more specific information about her ministry.

VISION

To establish the Children's Prayer Network in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Africa, training and equipping leaders to mobilize children (ages 4-14) to pray for and to evangelize the lost.

GOALS

- To establish effective children's ministries in local PHC churches throughout Africa, with workers trained in child evangelism who will reach out to unsaved children and also train saved children to become Young Prayer Warriors and to evangelize others.
- To encourage the PHC churches to identify the following children's ministry workers:
  Children's Ministry Leader and Co-Worker
  Prayer Network Leader and Co-Worker
  Children's Evangelist and Co-Worker
- To establish a supportive prayer network among the congregation and leaders of local PHC churches to pray for their children's ministry and for the salvation, felt needs, spiritual growth, and discipleship of the children in their church, their community, their own country, and all the nations of the world.
- To network with other children's ministries in Africa and set up a communication database in the various areas.
- To have the children's ministries adopt unreached people groups.

MISSIONS MEALS - 1999

The following is the present schedule for the 1999 Missions Meals. The locations will be finalized after January 1. Rev. Sherrill Orvin, People to People Director, will be our guest presenter next year.

February	4	AM	Wilmington
		PM	Lumberton
	5	AM	Williamston
		PM	Fayetteville
	8	AM	Raleigh
		PM	Rocky Mount
	9	AM	Greenville District
		PM	Goldsboro District
	10	AM	Morehead City
		PM	Hispanic District
	11	AM	Wilson District
		PM	New Bern District
	12	AM	Clinton District

These meetings will be open to all pastors (and spouses), ministers (and spouses), local missions directors (and spouses), and any church leader who loves and supports missions.

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Christian Education Department Statistical Report July, August, September, 1998

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Att	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Att
Northwood Temple	1700	0	635	0	650	462
Kinston First	633	0	404	0	321	290
The First	360	0	187	0	150	136
Mt. Olive LD	309	0	183	0	100	67
Tarboro First	214	0	178	0	185	149
Clinton	320	0	167	0	225	158
Mt. Carmel	352	0	159	0	209	113
Greenville First	0	0	147	0	0	103
Stedman	282	0	145	0	208	116
Wilson First	180	0	142	0	80	70
Gospel Tabernacle	550	20	139	17	484	310
St. Pauls	167	40	135	10	132	112
Shiloh	289	40	128	39	189	97
Whitely	0	0	127	0	0	171
Chadbourn	220	0	125	0	174	95
Smyrna	106	0	121	0	101	81
The Capital	350	0	117	0	170	165
Harkers Island	133	0	110	0	67	52
Culbreath Memorial	206	25	108	23	169	55
Bizzell Grove	163	40	108	32	80	39
Peniel	261	0	107	0	109	62
Grace Family Fellowship	210	0	106	0	192	117
Brentwood	135	0	104	0	150	154
Harvest Temple	191	65	104	39	135	75
Graham Memorial	138	0	103	0	100	98
St. Paul	156	0	97	0	40	99
Williamston	154	10	96	9	107	78
Benson	167	48	94	21	140	89
Evangel	210	19	92	20	105	57
Belfast	132	0	91	0	91	53
Lumberton	322	14	90	15	140	78
Bethany	155	5	89	24	109	45
Roanoke Rapids	260	37	79	8	40	47
Wallace	229	0	72	0	84	67
Living Faith Fellowship	120	0	72	0	86	59
Roper	108	0	71	0	97	54
St. John	129	0	71	0	35	52
Pikes Crossroads	187	32	68	24	145	29
Westview	113	0	67	0	101	51
Baywood	120	0	67	0	67	57
Millenium	142	41	66	40	90	25
Sanford First	94	0	66	0	49	38
Maranatha	99	0	65	0	50	84
Stantonsburg	102	0	64	0	0	0
Hobgood	100	0	64	0	0	0
Boardman	210	0	64	0	201	31
Sharon	103	1	63	1	43	33
Wilmington	142	0	62	0	142	52
Nakina	82	0	61	0	20	22
Mt. Olive (GD)	80	0	60	0	0	0
Hollands Chapel	71	0	59	0	30	30
Kenly	120	0	58	0	0	0
New Bern First	0	0	58	0	67	38
Thomas Chapel	128	0	57	0	66	28
Tyndall Grove	75	0	56	0	30	17
Mioores Chapel	95	0	53	0	71	31
Winterville	79	0	52	0	0	0
Emmanuel	97	0	52	0	60	59
Manleys Grove	143	0	52	0	0	0
Black Creek	70	0	51	0		0
Bridgeton	74	0	51	0	0	0
Rehoboth	0	0	50	0	0	0
Midway	116	0	49	0	85	31
Thompson Chapel	104	0	49	0	59	25
Goshen	83	0	48	0	31	33
Higher Ground	0	0	47	0	0	29
Taylors Chapel	107	0	47	0	0	0
Gethsemane	0	0	47	0	0	33
The Genesis	0	0	47	0	0	0
Bethel	57	0	46	0	0	0
Reelsboro	103	50	46	42	59	36
Holly Hill	0	0	45	0	0	30
Spring Hope	47	0	45	0	49	38
Hamilton	84	0	44	0	0	0

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Att	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Att
Carson Memorial	80	0	44	0	65	29
Eastside	42	0	43	0	0	0
Hodges Chapel	87	0	42	0	0	0
Living Waters	0	0	42	0	0	36
Thunder Swamp	89	0	41	0	11	0
Snow Hill	56	0	41	0	8	6
Niagara	160	0	41	0	33	17
Ebenezer	51	0	40	0	42	37
Aberdeen	80	0	40	0	75	24
Friendship	93	0	39	0	63	16
Jones Grove	42	0	39	0	0	0
Warsaw	82	0	39	0	0	0
Scotland Neck	53	0	38	0	28	36
Lowland	37	0	38	0	0	0
Garland	64	0	38	0	0	0
St. Matthew	69	0	38	0	0	0
Westmoreland	152	0	37	0	104	43
Brocks Chapel	168	0	37	0	91	24
Shiloh	0	0	37	0	0	0
Elizabethtown	50	0	37	0	10	14
Spring of Living Water	48	0	37	0	29	29
Family Life Tabernacle	48	0	36	0	41	39
Sonlight	0	0	36	9	0	22
Ayden	59	0	36	0	0	0
Abbottsburg	42	0	35	0	17	20
Jacksonville	43	0	35	0	22	13
Vanceboro	0	0	35	0	0	0
Selma	0	0	33	0	0	0
Wades Point	57	0	33	0	0	0
Sneads Ferry	101	0	32	0	30	17
Independence	52	0	32	0	0	0
Heritage	56	0	31	0	46	42
Weldon	66	0	30	0	0	0
Vaughans Chapel	55	0	30	0	0	0
Bailey	43	0	30	0	21	21
Faith WD	70	115	30	106	0	0
Oak Ridge	64	0	29	0	28	18
Albritton	73	17	28	18	42	24
Tabernacle	63	0	28	0	33	22
New Covenant	0	0	27	6	0	28
Lamm's Grove	50	0	26	0	0	0
New Vision	51	0	25	0	0	0
Sims	50	0	25	0	0	0
Trinity RMD	0	0	24	0	0	15
Penderlea	25	0	24	0	14	14
Cedar Point	44	0	24	0	23	20
Hopewell	24	0	22	0	29	23
Alliance	40	0	22	0	28	14
Grace Community	33	0	21	0	23	16
New Hope	23	0	21	0	0	0
Middlesex	17	0	21	0	0	0
Alert	60	0	19	0	0	0
Lyon Memorial	72	0	19	0	0	0
Friendship NBD	27	0	19	0	20	10
Trinity CD	19	0	18	0	0	0
Merritts Chapel			18	0		
Clayton	21	0	18	0	0	0
Grifton	40	0	17	0	0	0
Vicks Chapel	16	0	14	0	0	0
Calvary Temple	26	0	13	0	0	0
Goose Creek	34	0	13	0	19	0
Red Springs	70	0	12	0	0	0
Crystal Coast	36	0	9	0		
Belhaven	18	0	9	0		0
Plymouth	9	0	8	0	0	0
Wakelon	11	0	7	0	0	0
Windsor	13	0	7	0	8	8
Lighthouse	8	0	7	0	0	0
Total:	16070	619	9065	503	7972	5702
Average:	114	4	64	4	58	41
Count:	141		142		138	140

1999 CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES CONVENTION
January 8-9, 1999
CONFERENCE TRAINING CENTER
Falcon, NC

Program

Friday Night

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.: Registration
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Sessions
"Monster Youth Rally" — Camp Meeting Auditorium
"Evangelizing Children" — Training Center
(Instructors: Betty Rogers, Althea Meyer)
"Ministering to Singles" — Training Center
(Instructor: Marsha Ramsey, IPHC Singles Consultant)
"For Directors & Pastors" — Training Center
(Instructor: David Wheeler, CEM Director)
9:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Exhibits Open
(Exhibits will also be open during a break Saturday Morning)

Saturday

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.: Registration
9:00 - 12:30: Featured Presentation
"Taking the Sunday School into the 21st Century"
(Instructor: Dr. Elmer Towns)

Registration instructions: If registering ***on or before*** December 28, the cost is $10 per person, with a maximum of $60 per church. If registering ***after*** December 28, the cost is $15 per person, with a maximum of $90 per church. **One** registration per person covers the entire event. There is ***no charge*** to teens for the youth rally, but an offering will be received. Please mail registration form with one check for payment to: CEM Department, P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342. *CEU forms will be available for clergy*

(Cut off and mail with payment to Conference CEM Office)

Church _____ District _____

Number of persons registering ***on or before*** Dec. 28, 1998 @ $10 each: _____
(Maximum fee per church–$60)

Number of persons registering ***after*** December 28, 1998 $15 each: _____
(Maximum fee per church–$90)

Total Registration fee enclosed: $ _____

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January 17-24, 1999

T. Elwood Long

Superintendent's Page

DIVINE GUIDANCE

There is something beautiful and tender in the thought of the Lord our God offering to be our guide. This he has done in Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

Please consider with me the nature of Divine Guidance. "I will guide thee with mine eye." A glance of the eye is sufficient for the servant who is keenly watching his master. Even so, the Christian in fellowship and loving intimacy with God will have indications of His will which can be felt rather than explained or even proven. God's guidance is like a silk thread running throughout the entire fabric of our lives. There is no compulsion in God's guidance. It is offered to those who seek it and are willing to follow the way he makes known to each of us.

There is a negative aspect of God's guidance. This is the guidance of restraint. A voice which speaks to us and tells us "this is not the way." In the Biblical account of the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt we read, "God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, though that was near." God leads us in a safe way; safe for us according to our wisdom and strength. The easy and attractive way will not always be the right way for us. The wrong road of life has never yet led to the right place for life.

There is also a positive aspect of God's guidance. Jesus said, "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world." What a glorious comfort this fact gave the Son of God! In a measure we, too, may have this assurance of divine selection, direction and control. Christian biography gives many examples of devoted servants of God who have had an unwavering assurance that all their times were in God's hands. Therefore, their path of life and service was completely and joyfully acceptable to them as having been planned by God.

Praise God for the peace of His presence in the storms of life, His rest in times of trial, His courage in times of adversity. These attributes are the portion of those who know divine guidance with full assurance that He chooses our way. We must all seek that kind of guidance. The Word tells us concerning the Holy Spirit, "He shall guide you into all truth." If it is the path of life that has not yet been disclosed to us we can offer a prayer of confidence when we're able to say with the Psalmist, "Thou wilt show me the path of life."

We must constantly be aware that we must willingly accept Divine Guidance. It is a very happy thing when we're led to look to God for guidance in the early days of our life. If young people can learn early the holy habit of inquiring of the Lord concerning our ways they will escape many dangers, avoid many pitfalls and rid themselves of many potential sorrows.

God usually calls those whom He designs for important service in His Church and Kingdom very early in life. The silken thread of divine leading surrounds them and if they're willing, they can be tenderly drawn into the way of God's choosing by a gentle prodding from Him, provided they do not by sin or self-will break the fragile thread of His guidance.

The question of how we may perceive God's guidance is very important. The brevity of this article cannot adequately explore the answers to that question. However, let me briefly point out that for some things there is only the guidance of the Word of God needed. Nothing that cuts across the plain teaching of the scriptures can be from God, for the Spirit does not speak with two voices; only with one voice. Then there's the guidance that comes from the providence of God. His hand is on things and circumstances. He brings about the opening or closing of doors. We must observe the hand of God in all events and circumstances. Then of course there is the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God speaks in our spirits, especially in the moments when we are very near to Him in the intimacy of His love and the surrender of our total wills. When we bring our case to Him and abide in His presence, we wait for Him to speak. When we do this, we will receive an inward impulse toward or against what we have brought before Him in earnest prayer.

When we face questions as to what path to choose or what decision to make, please remember as we face the challenge of the new year the following questions: What does the Word say? Is there any prohibition there concerning what we are considering? What do the obvious displays of the providence of God speak to us? Is there an opening of the door and is it opening for us? What does the Holy Spirit say? Is there an inclination of the soul? Is there the attraction not born of self-interest or something to please self? It is not by one light but by three that our path is made sure: the Word of God, the providence of God and the Holy Spirit. When all three of these give us assurance, we may go forward without fear.

March into the new year with the assurance that God is with us and for us!

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CHURCH NEWS

SPRING OF LIVING WATER CHURCH

Wonderful things are happening at the Spring of Living Water Church in Farmville, NC. God is moving in miraculous ways, spiritually and financially. The week of October 26 through October 31 was set aside as Lay Witness Week. Each night the church people spent time in prayer and witnessing. Classes were held to instruct the church on how to become an effective prayer counselor and leading the unsaved to the Lord. A special service was held on Sunday, November 1 with guest speaker Steven Roscoe from Roper, NC. Steven is now a born-again Christian who was completely delivered by God from addiction to drugs and alcohol with the help of many praying Christians and the outreach program Teen Challenge. Our average attendance for quite some time now has been 50. On this Sunday, the attendance was overwhelming. We had a total of 102. "To God be the Glory."

Also, many of our people are stepping out by faith in a debt reduction program that was started the middle of October, in order to pay off the Fellowship Hall. We have already received $7,000 towards the debt. God is truly blessing in this area. We thank God for our pastor, Rev. TIm Leggett and his family and for all the hard work and effort they have put forth over the past four years.

–Faye Gland, Secretary
Farmville, NC

COVENANT FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PH CHURCH

In Jeremiah, chapter 29, the Lord declares that His plan for His children is to prosper them, and to give them a future and a hope. Armed with this promise from God's word, a new church plant has begun in the Apex/Cary area of Wake County. On Sunday evening November 8, 1998, our Conference Superintendent, Rev. T. E. Long, officially organized Covenant Family Fellowship PH Church. There are currently 80 charter members. To God be the glory! We believe that God has placed us here at this time to minister His word to this community. If we preach the Word, teach the Word, and live the Word, we will make a difference in the lives of those around us. We look forward to exciting times as we labor together in building the Kingdom of God.

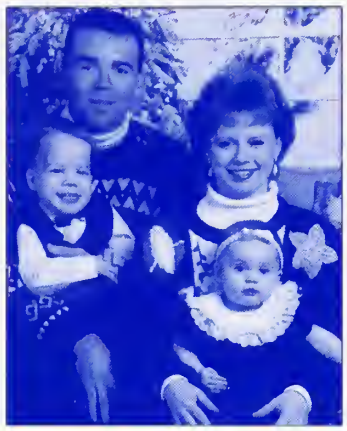
–Rev. Danny Collins, Pastor

NORTHWOOD TEMPLE CHURCH NEWS

Northwood Temple Church in Fayetteville, NC has raised nearly $7,000 to help the hurting people in Nicaragua in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. We believe that our contributions from the churches in the U.S. will not only help to relieve the burdens of the destitute people in Nicaragua, but will speak a message of love, care, and deep concern for our fellowman.

We hope others will follow in this ministry and give to this very noble cause.

–John Hedgepeth, Pastor



Evangelist Marty Mason and Family

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

The North Carolina Conference announces the availability of Evangelist Marty Mason. He is ready to serve your congregation and community in the anointed ministry placed in and upon him by the Holy Spirit. Contact Brother Mason at:

Marty Mason Ministries
P.O. Box 453
Willow Springs, NC 27592
Telephone. 919-639-8659

BOOK REVIEW

Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Sacred Anointing: The Preaching of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. By Tony Sargent, Wheaton, IL. Crossways Books, 1994, 344 pp, **$13.99**

A landmark study of the attending power of the Holy Spirit in the act of preaching upon one of twentieth century's godliest and most powerful expository preachers, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones of London, is written by Tony Sargent, himself a preacher in one of the foremost pulpits in England. Sargent provides documented material and a well-written biography of Lloyd-Jones and his views on preaching. Sargent defines "unction or the sacred anointing," as the penetration and domination of the personality of the Spirit. It is the preacher gliding on eagle's wings, soaring high, swooping low, carrying and being carried along by a dynamic other than his own. The words are his but the facility with which they come compels him to realize that the source is beyond himself. Martyn Lloyd-Jones refers to this work of the Spirit as "the smile of God" upon the preacher. Readers will be pleasantly surprised at the openness in which Lloyd-Jones expresses his views on pneumatology and his experiences with "the divine afflatus which drives the preacher to the point where he has so surrendered himself to the dynamic of God's power that he is driven along as he proclaims his message" (p. 31). In a day when preaching is rapidily becoming a lost art form, hermeneutical and homiletical wisdom is desperately needed by preachers of today. Any Pentecostal preacher who desires to be fuel for the flame, and to preach not only in word, but also in power in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction, and to bring the Bible to life to his congregation will find this book most helpful in better understanding the anointing of the Spirit, sermon preparation, and vital information regarding the interpretation and relevancy of Scripture and the inspirational delivery of preaching material.

The Sacred Anointing should be on the shelf (after it has been thoroughly read) of every preacher of the Gospel, MLD

–Merrill Davis, Pastor
Wilson First

Evangelism Explosion Leadership Clinics

April 16-21, 1999

at Northwood Temple
4250 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311
Telephone: 910-480-7474

Classes begin with registration at noon, Friday, April 16 and end on Wednesday, April 21.
Clinic is sponsored by Dr. James D. Kennedy, EE International, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33307, who also provides Clinic teacher.
For more information regarding cost, etc., call Northwood Temple Church office.

CLINIC SCHEDULE

FRIDAY
Noon . . . . . .Registration
1:00 p.m. . . . . .Lectures
4:30 p.m. . . . . .Dismissal to homes
7:00 p.m. . . . . .Banquet

SATURDAY
9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. . . . . .Lectures

SUNDAY (times vary at each clinic base)
9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. . . . . .Lectures
Evening Worship

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. . . . . .Lectures
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. . . . . .Dinner
7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. On the Job Training and Report Sessions

Fees & Cancellation Policy: Clinic fees are $350 per person. If wife of a pastor comes, it is $175 (if she comes with her husband, that is). Three or more from one church, cost is $300 each.

The $100 registration deposit is non-refundable. Monies may be transferred to another clinic or to another qualified person from your church if done within one year from date of receipt.

A MICROCOSM OF THE WORLD – WHO WILL REACH IT?

The world's population is exploding at a rate of 90 million per year. From creation to 1850 there were only 1 billion people in the world. From 1850-1930 it grew to 2 billion. From 1930-1960 it exploded to 3 billion. In the next 15 years from 1960-1975 it grew to 4 billion, and from 1975-1998 it exploded to 5.5 billion. Of all the people who have ever lived from the beginning of time, over half of them are alive right now.

In Acts 8, 9, and 10 there is a microcosm of the world found in 3 notable persons: an Ethiopian Eunuch, Saul of Tarsus, and Cornelius. The Eunuch comes from Africa; Saul is from the Middle East (Asia); and Cornelius is from Italy (Europe). Within a split second the world crosses before your eyes with three men from various geographies. With these varying geographies come varying cultures, however, they all bring to us 4 points of commonality.

They all had the same heartaches. As one reads these passages, he finds a descendent of Ham from Africa, of Shem from the Middle East, and of Japheth from Europe. All of Noah's sons are represented in these 3 men, but if you were to trace their roots properly, you would find that they, like you and me, must trace their roots back to Adam. (Romans 5:12 – "In Adam all die"). The heart of man is sinful, for he is born with an Adamic nature.

They all had the same hunger. When you find the Eunuch in Acts 8:27, he is on his way to Jerusalem "for to worship." Why? He is hungry for God although he has not met him yet. Saul of Tarsus seems much the same in chapter 9 as he has a direct conversation with Jesus himself. This philosopher falls to the ground in fear before God and asks: "Who are you Lord?" (Acts 9:5). Then in verse 6 his hunger progresses into a desire for obedience: "What wilt thou have me to do?" Outwardly he had demonstrated confidence, but inwardly, he was hungering for God. Finally, Cornelius in Acts 10 was found in the first two verses praying and seeking God. He is called a "devout" man, yet he does not have a personal relationship with Christ.

They all needed the same help. As they saw their need, they needed help to find the answer. In Acts 8:29, God spoke to a deacon named Philip and sent him to witness to this Eunuch. In Acts 9, he sent an unknown layman named Ananias to meet Saul and direct him. In Acts 10, he spoke to an "ordained" clergy named Simon Peter and sent him to Cornelius' home to share the gospel. He called on Philip to be "Available" in that he was lifted out of a tremendous revival in Samaria and sent to one man in the desert. To Ananias he asked for "Expendability" as Saul had been given consent to kill many for their faith. To Peter he called for "Adaptability" as he was only used to preaching to Jews and was now called upon to invade a Gentile home.

They can all know the same hope. Jesus is the hope of the world. As Philip in Acts 8:35 "opened his mouth and preached unto him Jesus..." In Acts 9:5, Jesus himself preached to Saul and answered the question as to His identity with the following: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest..."

Simon Peter preached to the entire household of Cornelius the following in Acts 10:38: "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power..." All three were brought face to face with the answer to their hunger and the help for their heartache. His name is Jesus.

This same picture of cross-cultural evangelism and the melting of various cultures not only rests on the pages of Acts 8, 9 and 10 in your Bible, but I challenge you to pay close attention to the scope of what is happening around you and see if this melting pot is not also at your back door as well. If it is, it matters not whether you are ordained of God to preach like Peter, called to work in some capacity of leadership such as Philip the deacon, or merely an unknown "layman" like Ananias releasing ministry to those in need, the call of God is the same: **"the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" Matthew 9:37-38.**

–Noah Barefoot

AN UPDATE...

So many of you have asked me about my friend, Bettie, whom I wrote about a few months ago. Bettie's condition has not changed. She is now at Twin Rivers Nursing Center in New Bern. Please continue to pray for Bettie and her family. It is never too late for a miracle!!

Thanks for your concern and prayers.

–Linda

LINES FROM LINDA...

The year 1998 brought many great experiences to our household; but, without question, the big event was the wedding of our daughter, Emma, in December. In fact, that occasion consumed much of the year with all the planning and arrangements that were made. Almost daily I checked the list to see what needed to be done in preparation for her special day. Let me share some of my experiences.

January: Emma warns me, "Mom, I hope you like Scott, because I think he might be your son-in-law."

February: Emma so excited...couldn't wait to get home to tell me. Called from car phone to tell me that Scott had asked her to marry him and given her a diamond.

March: Set wedding date for December 5, 1998. Engagement picture in paper. Chose bridal attendants. Selected wedding gown.

April: Reserved dates with caterer, photographer, florist and minister. Reserved church.

May: Decided on music and musicians. Ordered attendants' dresses.

June: Guest list. (Decided must have larger church to accommodate family & friends.) Reserved different church and reception hall.

July: Ordered invitations. Engaged videographer. Engaged wedding director.

August: Decided on decoration theme for reception. Contacted decorator and helpers. Contacted pianist for reception. Ordered supplies for decorations.

September: Finalized guest list and ordered invitations. Made plans with florist. Bridal portrait made. Decided on and ordered cake. Registered with gift registries.

October: Selected men's attire. Mothers selected dresses. Addressed and mailed invitations. Arrangements for bridesmaids brunch. Plans for ceremony and rehearsal. Visited church and planned arrangements there. Visited reception hall and made plans for decorations.

November: Attended parties and showers. Made favors. Made decorations for reception. Made arrangements for items to be rented for use at reception. Final contacts with florist, photographer, caterer, musicians, minister, church and reception hall.

December: Prepared information for and met with wedding director. Last minute preparations. Bridesmaids Brunch. Rehearsal and dinner. Wedding Day...met florist at church and decorated reception hall. At church for photos by 3:00 p.m.

See the busy pace! All this took place in the midst of keeping a regular work and family schedule. And this is only a small portion of all the details that were involved in getting ready for the wedding day. But on December 5, 1998, at 5:00 p.m., Emma was prepared and ready to meet her bridegroom at the altar; and she and Scott were united in marriage in a beautiful and worshipful ceremony.

All this is not unique to me, for every bride's family experiences the same type of busy anticipation. The reason I share this is that this experience has quickened my spirit to consider how the bride of Christ must be eagerly and excitedly getting ready for the coming of the Bridegroom. Just as there was no time to procrastinate while preparing for Emma's wedding, neither is there any time for lackadaisical apathy in my spiritual life. God the Father has the time set. The invitation has been extended. The hour is quickly approaching. Perhaps I need to make another checklist just to be sure I am doing all that I should be in preparation for that great wedding day – THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB!!!

Mrs. Matthew Scott Bircher
(the former Emma Jo-Lin Thomas)

THE FLU BUG STRIKES AGAIN...

Yes, it's that time of year that the flu, colds, viruses, etc. attack us. I have always been rather fortunate about not catching the flu. Well, my time came; and, boy, did I get a good case of it (and everything else that goes with it) to try to keep me down. At the time I write this, I have been sick for about six weeks and am still not completely well. Such afflictions work on both physical and mental strength.

One day a lady from our church at Sneads Ferry came to visit me. She stayed for a while and left; but, in a few minutes

she returned. She said the Lord had sent her back to pray with me. In that prayer, the Lord reminded me that HE is my strength and provider.

Sometimes we get so weak that we can't even pray for ourselves. It is not always physical sickness that causes this, but it can be in other areas of our lives as well. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, Jesus tells us that He will not put anything on us that we are not able to stand and that He will make a way of escape so we are able to bear the burdens of life.

Many times I have felt that my cart was overloaded, but Jesus has always brought me through. I praise and thank God that He loves us enough to help us and that He loves us even when we are unlovable. May God help us to remember to keep that fact in our minds.

As sisters in Christ, we are to bind ourselves together in love and unity. We are to be there for each other. As we do this, we can accomplish great things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us.

Submitted by Jackie Thompson
Wilmington District WM Director

Jackie Thompson is married to Dolphus Thompson, and they have five children and ten grandchildren. They are members of Sneady's Ferry Pentecostal Holiness Church where Jackie serves as local WM Director. She is also the secretary-treasurer of the church and sings in the choir. She is a part-time cosmetologist who owns and operates her own beauty salon.

WE RECOMMEND...

Sue Parker, former missionary and Women's Ministries official, has written a wonderful and inspiring book of memoirs of her life. The writing covers her early years and how God worked in her life to lead her to the mission field. It also includes much about her work in Women's Ministries for more than forty years. You my obtain Sue's book, entitled ***Precious Memories,*** by writing her at 3130 Kendale Drive, Sanford, NC 27330, or by calling 919-776-5860.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR...

Each local WM group will want to send their leaders to the Leadership Seminar to be held on January 30th at the Falcon Children's Home Activity Center. Local WM Directors have information on registration and agenda.

LOOKING AHEAD

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FOUNDER'S DAY... Make plans to celebrate WM Day in your local churches on March 14th, the annual Founder's Day. Programs have been sent to local WM Director's.

ANNUAL RETREAT... Sue Dodge, formerly with The Speer Family, will be the featured guest at the 1999 WM Retreat in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on March 19 and 20. The retreat will be held at Founder's Inn, the home of CBN. Local WM Directors have information regarding room reservations, etc.

1999 WM CONVENTION... Mark your calendars now for the annual WM Convention to be held in Falcon on June12.

LESS STRESS...

If you often find yourself feeling tired, snappy and irritable headachy, tense or overwhelmed, you just might be suffering from stress. Recently while perusing a copy of ***Woman's Touch*** (Jan/Feb 1996), I ran across an article entitled ***Recognizing and Releasing Stress*** This article offered some tips on ways to reduce the effects of stress on the mind and body. As the new year begins it might be well for us to consider the suggestions offered!

Get enough sleep. Sleep recharges the immune system, gives your mind a rest and allows body muscles to relax and gain strength.

Exercise 20-30 minutes per day. Walking, aerobics swimming, exercise machines, or a favorite sport helps keep you physically and mentally alert and releases tension.

Regroup after work. Change clothes as soon as you get home. Take 10 minutes to lie down and relax. Shed stressful thoughts.

Hug someone and pet your dog or cat. Giving and receiving affection is a proven stress reducer.

Change your routine. Be spontaneous. Do something just for the fun of it!

Take a break. When your body begins to feel tense, sit or lie down and breath in and out slowly and deeply. Starting with your feet and moving up the body, consciously relax every muscle one by one.

Eat lunch slowly and eat healthy. Lunch gives strength for the second half of the day. Junk food tends to give a burst of energy for a short period of time. Eating slowly aids digestion and helps you feel calm.

Have a good cry. Crying releases tension and is an outlet for pent-up emotions. Cry if you need to.

Surround yourself with happy, peaceful thoughts. Listen to soothing, relaxing music. Do away with dark, dreary colors, and let the sun shine in. Decorate your home or work area with pictures of loved ones and beautiful scenery.

Make a date with a friend or loved one. Share conversation that allows release of day-to-day frustrations. Interest yourself in other people.

Laugh. A merry heart does good like a medicine! Laughing is a positive way to release emotions and is uplifting to both you and to others.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Jack Kelley, Acting Director

- ***Men's Ministries 1999 Calendar:***

January	...	Men's Ministries ***Enlistment Week***
	...	Annual Dues Month... ***Help!***
March	...	***Royal Ranger Sponsorship*** Month
	...	22-25 National Pastor's Conference, Greensboro, NC
April	...	Men's Ministries ***Resurrection Breakfast*** Month
	...	3 – Resurrection Breakfast
	...	8-10 – National Conference on Ministry to Men, Knoxville, TN
	...	17 – Men's Ministries Leadership Training, Falcon, NC
	...	23-25 – Annual General Men's Ministries Board Meeting, Fayetteville, NC
	...	23-25 – Eastern Men's Ministries Conference Directors' Summit, Fayetteville, NC
June	...	13 – Laymen's Sunday
July	...	Men's Ministries ***Men of Action*** Month
August	...	Men's Ministries ***Friendship Evangelism*** Month
September	...	Men's Ministries ***TEAMShare*** Emphasis
		17-18 – Conference Men's Ministries Advance
October	...	Men's and Women's Ministries ***Pastor Appreciation*** Month
	...	4 – Pastor Appreciation Sunday
November	...	Men's Ministries ***Send The Light*** Month
December	...	***Disaster Recovery Team*** Emphasis (DRUSA)

- ***Send The Light:*** All chapters in the conference have received, by now, the letter on the annual drive to provide gospel literature and materials to two different target areas selected for this year. This year the focus is on, (1) overseas – to Myanmar (formerly Burma), a country in South East Asia, and in the United States to REACH 3. The latter is a jointly sponsored ministry between EVUSA Ministries and Men's Ministries, geared to reach men with the gospel. It will be sent to each of our churches in the first quarter of 1999. The first five to send in their donations were .. (1) First PHC – Goldsboro, (2) Benson PHC, (3) Rev. Chris Thompson, (4) Westmoreland PHC, and (5) Shiloh PHC.
- ***New Chapter:*** Welcome aboard .. Faith PHC, Greenville, NC, which became the 95th church to register its Men's Ministries group with the conference.
- ***Men's Ministries Leadership Training:*** Don't forget this vibrant Men's Ministries training opportunity for pastors and their core leadership group of men. A must for leadership development! Mark your calendar now.. April 17.
- ***Annual Conference Men's Advance:*** September 17-18 expect another "awesome" time of sharing, fellowship, prayer, music, training, and food, in Falcon, NC.

"Doing together what we cannot do alone."

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

QUADRENNIAL ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The Archives Committee for this Quadrennial has been appointed. They are, left to right, Superintendent Elwood Long, Rev. J. Doner Lee, Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard, Mrs. Jean Williams, Rev. Keith Rouse, Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris, Mr. Phil Mooring, and Director Chris Thompson. The Committee had its first meeting of the quadrennial on November 10, 1998.

The Committee is proceeding with three special projects. The Octagon Tabernacle Restoration is moving ahead. Much work has been done – heating and air installation, pew refinishing, outside restoration, etc. Much is yet to be done –underpinning, storm windows, parking lot, etc. More than $17,000 has been raised. Another $3,000 to $5,000 is needed.

With the addition of new offices in the Office Building, the old Evangelism office will become the Archives Center. Work will begin after the first of the year in setting up the center. Volunteers will be welcome.

The Committee has planned a second training to assist local historians in writing local church histories. The training will be February 27, at the Conference Training Center. Dr. James Goff and Dr. Don Woods will be speaking. All ministers, local historians, and those interested in local church history are invited.

Director, Chris Thompson

WORLD MISSIONS CHURCH-BUILDING PROJECTS 1998-1999

AFRICA

Central Africa

• Zambia	Chibwi	$25,000
	House for N. 0.	$20,000
• Zimbabwe	Entumbane	$10,000
	Sege	$10,000

South Africa

• Roof Pela Church near Silverkrans in Southwest Conference	$3,000
• Roof a church at Boleu in the Great North Conference	$3,000
• Put up a place of worship at Walvis Bay as the government no longer permits churches to meet in schools	$5,000

ASIA

Pakistan

• Church construction in Quarter	$12,000

Philippines

• Construction of church facility in Tadlan (NW Mountain Providence)	$4,640
• Construction of church facility in San Nicholas, Pangasinan	$4,000

LATIN AMERICA/WEST INDIES

Haiti

• Compound Wall - 20 sections @ $350 each	$7,000

EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

Romania

Bethany Christian Fellowship	$55,000

1999 MISSIONS CALENDAR

Missions Meals - February 4-12

Sherrill Orvin, Guest Speaker

February 4	AM	Wilmington District
	PM	Lumberton District
5	AM	Williamston District
	PM	Fayetteville District
8	AM	Raleigh District
	PM	Rocky Mount District
9	AM	Greenville District
	PM	Goldsboro District
10	AM	Morehead City District
	PM	Hispanic District
11	AM	Wilson District
	PM	New Bern District
12	AM	Clinton District

February 23	Committee & Director Training
July 11	"GO" Sunday
July 25	World Evangelism Service Camp Meeting
October 16	Conference Missions F.E.S.T.
October 18,19,21	Mini-F.E.S.T.'s
December 2	Missions Committee Meeting

Scheduled
WORLD MISSIONS TRIPS
FOR 1999
BUILDINGS AND MINISTRY

- January - Costa Rica — WNC/Hugh Hoyle
- January - Venezuela — WNC/Hugh Hoyle
- February 4-6 - Haiti — Northwood Temple, NC/Cecille Booth
- February 18-25 - Honduras or Senaba, Mexico — Heartland/Frank Tulsa
- February 25 - March 5 - Jamaica — Cathedral of Praise, OKC/PhiI Larson
- March 7-13 - Columbia — Marysville, CA/World Missions
- May - Panama — World Missions
- May - Costa Rica — World Missions
- June 23 - July 2 - Nicaragua — Northwood Temple, NC/Cecille Booth
- July 30 - August 6 - Costa Rica — Adam Barrington Team/World Missions

Summer - Cebu, Philippines — Baywood PHC/World Missions

MOM (Ministry of Medicine)

- February 18-26 - Honduras — Heartland Conference/ Frank Tunstall
- March 7-13 - Columbia — E. Oklahoma Conference/ Jerry Morris
- March 30 - April 6 - Guatemala — Pennsylvania Conference/ David Carr
- June 23 - July 2 - Nicaragua — Northwood Temple NC/ Cecille Booth

1999 World Evangelization Giving

APPRECIATION GIFTS

World Missions Ministries and Evangelism USA

Local Churches

Each church with a **$1,250 or more increase** over last year's total world missions giving will receive two gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources–one for the pastor in the amount of $75 and one for the local church missions director (where applicable) in the amount of $50.

Each church with a **$750 or more increase** over last year's Global Outreach Offering will receive two gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources–one for the pastor in the amount of $75 and one for the local church missions director (where applicable) in the amount of $50.

No more than two gifts will be awarded per church.

Conferences

Three $100 gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources will be given in each conference (one certificate per category) as shown below:

- **Largest Total Overall Giving**
- **Largest GO Percentage Increase ($500 minimum total offering)**
- **Largest Overall Per Capita Giving ($500 minimum total offering)**

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Greetings!

This month I would like to share a few news items with you, and give you a report on some recent activities. I will be happy to include news from your church in future issues, whether it be reports of youth activities, children's events, or senior citizens happenings. Include pictures!

The Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Field Day was a smashing success with a record number of boys and men present. The youngsters had a full day of activities, as the accompanying pictures attest. (pics 1 and 2) They learned to throw a tomahawk, to tie knots, to ride a "big wheel" around an obstacle course, and many other useful skills. One of the highlights was a visit to the trading post, where the boys could exchange items they had brought for things of interest.

Then, in September came LTC, where men are trained to become Royal Rangers leaders. The class of 27 men, including "yours truly," are shown here with Commander Bill Linn (pic 3).

The Children's Prayer Conference took place as scheduled with over 75 participants. Betty Rogers and Althea Meyer provided hands-on training as well as teaching on biblical principles relating to both praying for children and teaching them to be prayer warriors themselves. This great event was a blessing to all who attended.

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The Youth Ministry Department of Gospel Tabernacle Church sent in this report: A few years back, Youth Pastor Kelly Clarke jokingly challenged his youth to increase their attendance by promising that he would have his head buzzed if attendance averaged over 100 for three weeks in a row. (Current attendance then was half that!) In fact, since August, the group has averaged 105–and on October 21, Pastor Kelly received the ultimate haircut. Here's a youth pastor who's willing to lay it all down for Christ–including his hair! Pastor Kelly and the rest of Lighthouse Ministries praise God for the consistent growth and powerful move of the Spirit they are experiencing–and we join with them in rejoicing (pic 4).

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Commander Bill Linn Honored

On December 12, a special event was held in Falcon at the Cafeteria/Training Center. More than 100 people gathered for a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Commander Bill Linn, who has led our Conference Royal Rangers ministry for more than a decade. Former Conference CEM Director and National Rangers Commander Bobby Forehand was on hand, as was the current National Commander, David Moore. Many tributes to Brother Linn's leadership and faithfulness were spoken, and he and his wife, Toni, were presented with lovely gifts and mementos. The NC Conference–indeed, the IPHC–owes much to this man who gave of himself to our boys for so long.

It is the desire of the CEM Board and the Royal Rangers ministry to establish something permanent to honor this special friend. On a parcel of land purchased for this purpose, we are constructing the "Bill Linn Council Fire Ground." The facility will be surrounded by trees, will be entered by way of a rustic archway, and will include a permanent stone fire circle. It will be used for Council Fires at LTC, NTC, JLTC, and for bonfires at other events as appropriate. If you would like to help provide this lasting tribute to a man who gave himself unselfishly for others, you may make a contribution through the Conference CEM Department. Mark your check "Bill Linn Project."

That's it for this month! Remember, to have your CEM news included, send me an article with pictures –if possible. I am only here to serve, so – let me do it!

1999 TALENT AND RANGER OF THE YEAR RALLY SCHEDULE

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Rocky Mount	Thursday, March 4	Tarboro First	7:30 pm
Raleigh	Friday, March 5	Evangel	7:30 pm
Greenville	Saturday, March 6	Graham Memorial	9:30 am
Morehead City			
New Bern			
Lumberton	Thursday, March 11	Lumberton First	7:30 pm
Wilmington	Friday, March 12	Wallace	7:30 pm
Goldsboro	Saturday, March 13	Pine Level	9:30 am
Wilson			
Wlliamston	Thursday, March 18	Roper	7:30 pm
Clinton	Friday, March 26	Clinton First	7:30 pm
Fayetteville	Saturday, March 27	Culbreth Memorial	9:00 am

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Superintendent's Page

T. Elwood Long

1999 - This is a great time to be involved in the work of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of us are preparing to "Celebrate Jesus" at the beginning of the incoming millennium in the next few months. It is exciting to be a part of the Church!

Please prepare your calendar to be involved in the many events and opportunities afforded this conference.

Local Church Leadership Sessions With the Conference Superintendent

District	Date
Fayetteville	Tuesday, February 16
Goldsboro	Tuesday, March 9
Greenville	Thursday, April 29
Lumberton	Tuesday, May 11
Morehead City	Tuesday, June 8
New Bern	Monday, June 28
Rocky Mount	Monday, August 2
Raleigh	Tuesday, August 3
Clinton	Thursday, October 7 *
Williamston	Tuesday, October 12
Wilmington	Tuesday, November 9
Wilson	Thursday, November 11*

Each session will be 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Information regarding the location of each will be sent to the pastors
*Change from originally scheduled date.

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Note: There will be a $12.00 per single category charge on all solo entries. Entries of 2 (two) or more will pay a $22.00 per single category charge. All registration forms must be accompanied with the appropriate fee(s). **We cannot process any forms without the fee(s).** Once a form has been submitted, there will be no refunds. No telephone registrations will be received. Please type or neatly print your registration form(s). You must use the official registration form.

CREATIVE WRITING THEMES

Teens "Grace"
Juniors "Best Friends"

CREATIVE ARTS THEME

"Parables"

The 58th Annual Christian Worker's Institute March 1-3, 1999 Falcon

Schedule

Monday, March 1

7:30 p.m. - Rev. John Swails - "The Rapture"

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. - Devotion - Rev. Roland Harrell
9:30 a.m. - "Divine Healing" - Rev. W. J. Forehand
10:45 a.m. - Break
11:00 a.m. - "Prophecy" - Rev. Vera Griffin
12:15 p.m. - Lunch Break
2:00 p.m. - "The Holy Ghost Infilling" - Rev. Paul Jackson
3:15 p.m. - Break
3:30 p.m. - "The Holy Spirit in the Believer's Life" - Rev. Terry Whittenton
4:45 p.m. - Dinner Break
7:30 p.m. - "The Second Coming of the Lord" - Rev. John Swails

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. - Devotion - Rev. Bobby Williams
9:30 a.m. - "Prophecy" - Rev. Vera Griffin
10:45 a.m. - Break
11:00 a.m. - "Divine Healing" - Rev. W. J. Forehand
12:15 p.m. - Closing Remarks and Benediction - Superintendent T. Elwood Long

Minister's Wives Fellowship - Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(Continuing Education Units will apply)

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CHURCH NEWS

Superannuated Birthdays For February

Rev. W. Harold Lewis	February	7
Rev. J. Paul Jones	February	8
Rev. Mrs. Luetta Morris	February	10
Rev. Clayton Guthrie	February	15
Rev. Tim B. Henry	February	26

Available For Service

The North Carolina Conference announces that Rev. David Hauer is available for services. He is a licensed minister in the North Carolina Conference.

Rev. Hauer is answering the call of God to continue his ministry of song and testimony to all church denominations, prisons and Christian organizations. His anointed testimony and concert of songs are intended to reach and save the lost and heal the brokenhearted of all ages and races.

You may contact Rev. Hauer by calling (910) 483-9691 or by writing 921 Locks Creek Road, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301.

Funeral of Rev. Mrs. Ada G. Thurman

Ada Lee Goff Thurman, of 406 Law Road, Fayetteville, died Saturday, October 17, 1998 at her home.

A native of Falcon, she was a minister and associate pastor at Northwood Temple Church and was a retired school teacher of the Fayetteville public school system. In addition to other degrees, she was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1994 from Southwestern College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 19 at Northwood Temple Church in Fayetteville by the Rev. John E. Hedgepeth. Burial was in Falcon Cemetery in Cumberland County.

Survivors include one son, Carl Woodrow "Woody" Thurman II of Laurel Hill; one daughter, Charlotte Thurman Iaquinta of Oklahoma City, Okla; three sisters, Ruby Walter of Fort Worth, Texas, Laura Banko of Spring Lake and Mundy Cloke of Seattle, Wash.; four grandchildren, Carl Woodrow "Trey" Thurman III and Perry Joe Thurman, both of Wilmington, and Elysia Iaquinta Thornton and Joseph Lawrence "Jay" Iaquinta III, both of Oklahoma City; and one great-grandchild, Harrison Graham Thornton.

The family requests that memorials may be made to the Ada Lee Thurman Memorial Scholarship Fund at Northwood Temple, 4200 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, or Hospice of Cumberland County, P. O. Box 53324, Fayetteville, N.C. 28305, Attn: David Sullivan.

Pastor Appreciation Day at Pike Crossroads P. H. Church

October 4, 1998, Pikes Crossroads Pentecostal Holiness Church honored their pastor with Appreciation Day.

Sunday night after church we had refreshments in the fellowship hall for our pastor, Rev. Timothy Creel and his wife, Ruth. We also had our church secretary Mr. Jimmy Hollowell present him with a gift at this time.

We would like to say we are proud of such a hard working pastor. We all love you, Brother Creel. God bless you for all your hard work.

—Melva Thompson

Homecoming and Anniversary Celebration Pikes Crossroads Pentecostal Holiness Church

We, at Pikes Crossroads Pentecostal Holiness Church, had our Homecoming service on October 25, 1998.

We had our 75th Anniversary of the church. We had a great day in the Lord. The Watchmen Quartet was our musical guest followed by a message from Bishop James Leggett.

Rev. Timothy Creel also had a video put together for us using snapshots for the past 75 years. This was great.

Rev. & Mrs. Timothy Creel cutting Pikes Crossroads 75th anniversary cake

During our lunch Reverend and Mrs. Timothy Creel cut the first slice of our Anniversary cake. This will be a day we will always remember.

Mrs. Kathleen Sasser was honored as the oldest member of our church that is still able to attend. Mrs. Elga Nichols has been a member the longest since she joined as a young teenage girl.

Thanks to all who made the day such a great time in the Lord

—Melva Thompson

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Jack Kelley, Acting Director

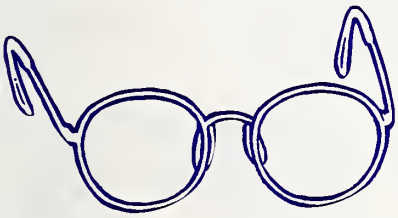
Partners In Ministry

✓✓✓ *Check Your Calendar — Coming Up*

March	...	**Royal Ranger Sponsorship Month**
	...	**22-25 National Pastor's Conference,** Greensboro, NC
April	...	**3 – Men's Ministries Resurrection Breakfast**
	...	**8-10 – National Conference on Ministry to Men,** Knoxville, TN
	...	**17 – Men's Ministries Leadership Training,** Falcon, NC
June	...	**13 – Laymen's Sunday**

- ***Resurrection Breakfasts:*** Do whatever it takes to plan and promote this once-a-year critical event for men. This annual Easter Saturday breakfast can be sponsored by any local church men's group (or by several groups in a city or district). This meeting is designed to challenge Christian men from all Evangelical denominations in a citywide effort to invite unsaved men to attend the breakfast and hear a special speaker who has a dynamic testimony. Sadly some have allowed this event to become just a "get-together" for men of the church. This is not the real purpose! The idea is to get one saved man to invite an unsaved man to the meeting. Think of the possibilities! Think of the unsaved men you know - your brother, dad, uncle, co-worker, boss, or employees. What should you do now? Schedule a meeting with a group of interested men and plan a breakfast in your area. Follow through with site selection, budget, speaker, tickets, posters, and flyers. Men's Ministries has a complete planning packet available. Call (910) 323-4777 for more information.
- ***Send The Light:*** All chapters in the conference have received the letter on the annual drive to provide gospel literature and materials to two difference target areas selected for this year. (1) overseas - to Myanmar (formerly Burma), a country in Southeast Asia, and (2) in the United States - to REACH 3. The latter is a jointly-sponsored ministry between EVUSA Ministries and Men's Ministries, geared to reach men with the gospel. Additional donations have been received from Emmanuel PHC, Reverend T. E. Long, and from an "anonymous donor."
- ***Charter a Men's Ministries group in your church:*** Are the men of your church "growing and going" for Jesus? Every church needs godly men who will become spiritual leaders. God is moving in the North Carolina Conference among our Men's Ministries right now. Get on board! Call (910) 323-4777 for a free information packet.
- ***Attend the Vibrant Men's Ministries Training Course on April 17 at Falcon.*** This will be one of the most significant discipleship and leadership conferences presented by the conference. A "must do" for pastors and their core leadership group of men. To request information call 910-980-1171. Evangelism/Men's Ministries.
- *Check out Men's Ministries on the web at* ***www.iphc.org/mm.html***

"Doing together what we cannot do alone."



LINES FROM LINDA

Have you had your vision checked lately? You may be missing some very special sights!

It seems that most of us, sooner or later, have to resort to eyeglasses or contact lens to get the full benefit from our vision. I remember my first visit to the optometrist. I had noticed that road signs were getting a little fuzzy and that objects any distance away from me seemed blurred, so I decided to get my eyes checked. Sure enough, the result was a prescription for glasses. A few days later, the optician fitted me with this new accessory. I so well remember walking outside that day and looking around. I was amazed at what I saw! I could clearly see the individual leaves on the trees. The blades of grass stood out on the lawn. On my way home, the lettering on the signs along the roadside was crisp and clear.

Well, that was some years ago; and since then, I have had several new prescriptions as my vision has changed. As a matter of fact, now I have a variety of glasses which I use for various activities. My regular prescription is now what is called a progressive lens. These glasses, with the movement of my eye, allow me to look through the top of the lens for far vision, the middle for closer vision, and the bottom portion for very close vision. I also have a pair of reading glasses for desk work. Now that I am confined to glasses for driving, I have a pair of prescription sunglasses as well. I've even tried the contact lens, but they don't work for me.

I remember looking out our kitchen window one morning and noticing some object on the ground. Without my glasses, I couldn't determine what it was; but when I put my glasses on, it was clearly seen. I stood there and just thanked the Lord that He had provided me with a means of 20/20 vision even though my natural eyes could no longer see that well.

I was also reminded that morning that God has provided us with a means of 20/20 spiritual vision. As we look out today at the world around us, things seem so blurred, fuzzy and out of focus. However, as we look at them through the lens of God's Word, we can see clearly what is taking place. Our spiritual eyes can determine that the Bible is being fulfilled, and our sight is clear because of the lens of His Word.

Many times, in the natural, we fail to see the needs of people or conditions that exist right in our shadows. Yet, the Holy Spirit sharpens our vision and shows us clearly what we need to see up close.

There are even times when God puts the shades on us. Sometimes we might be prone to lose sight of the spiritual goals in our lives. The bright glow of the world would distract and nearly blind us to keep us from seeing our spiritual destination. The Lord will then provide for us a filter that will shade out the glitter and brightness that would cause us to lose our focus.

It is very important that we, as Christians, have a clear picture of God's plan. He has provided us with a means of 20/20 eyesight through His Word and communion with the Holy Spirit. It is important to keep check on our spiritual vision. If we don't, we may be missing some very important sights!!!!

A LOOK AT THE THEME...

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

1999 THEME
VISION FOR MISSION

The Women's Ministries theme for 1999 is Vision for Mission. In order to understand the depth of this theme, we must first define it.

What is the mission of Women's Ministries? In the Distinctives Chapter of the Women's Ministries Leadership Manual, this is clearly defined (Chapter 1, Page 20).

GOALS: The Women's Ministries Department seeks to assist each individual woman in each local ministry group in:

- Improving relationships with God.
- Building Christian homes.
- Discovering and developing ministry gifts.
- Ministering to the body of Christ.
- Prioritizing time.
- Enhancing interpersonal relationships.
- Sharing the Light.
- Sending the Light.
- Serving the community.
- Financing ministries.

PURPOSE: To mobilize women into ministry through the development, nurture and use of spiritual gifts.

What is the vision? In this context, the word vision means the *ideal future state.* In other words, when this mission is accomplished, what will it look like? If we succeed in achieving the goals and purpose as stated in the manual, I see a beautiful vision:

Godly women have identified their spiritual gifts and are applying them to minister in their homes, their churches and their communities. The fruit of their labors are being reaped around the world.

Husbands and children are being nurtured according to the Word at the hands of loving companions and mothers.

The body of Christ is being blessed by both the physical and spiritual contributions of women.

Communities are reaping the benefits of a more compassionate and caring society.

Various ministries and mission fields are being reached by loving financial and prayerful support.

Womanhood is at its best; following the plan and will of God.

WILL YOU ENROLL IN THIS VISION? WILL YOU GET A PICTURE OF WHERE YOU FIT IN GOD'S PLAN FOR WOMEN OF GOD IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY?

DRAWING NEAR...

NCWM RETREAT 1999 promises to be a great one! Sue Dodge, who is regularly featured on the Gaither Videos and is a former member of the Speer Family Gospel Singers, will be the featured guest. The retreat will be held at Founder's Inn and Conference Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on March 19 and 20. Retreat registration will be on-site at a cost of $10 per person. For room reservations, call 1-800-926-4466 and ask to be included in the North Carolina Conference Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries registration. Founder's Inn is the home of CBN and the 700 Club. Those who wish to arrive on Thursday and be in the audience of the Friday morning show will need to call 757-226-2745 to make reservations.

FOUNDER'S DAY is MARCH 14th. Plan some special activity in the local church to honor Women's Ministries and to offer opportunity for the church family to learn more about the outreaches of WM.

A GOOD WINTER RECIPE...

This recipe is a family favorite around our house and is so easy to prepare. It can also be prepared ahead of time and baked just prior to serving time.

EASY CHICKEN DIVAN

2 (10-ounce) packages frozen broccoli spears
1 fryer size chicken, cooked & sliced
2 (10-3/4 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup
1 cup mayonnaise
1-1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
3/4 teaspoon curry powder
1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese (grated)
3/4 cup stuffing mix
2 tablespoons margarine

Cook broccoli and drain. Arrange spears in baking dish. Place sliced chicken on top. Combine soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice and curry powder. Pour over top. Sprinkle with grated cheese and put stuffing mix on top. Dot with margarine. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.

You can complete this meal by cooking some rice in the chicken broth, serving garden peas and hot rolls. This is a quick and easy meal for family or guests.

THE BEST...

If you should invite guests to a meal in your home, you wouldn't warm up leftovers and serve them on paper plates in front of the television. No, you would most likely prepare a special meal, use your best table setting, and spend some quality time with your guests. You would offer them your very best.

In the same way, we should offer the very best to Jesus. Rather than giving Him the leftovers of our lives, we should give him the very best of our time, talents, and treasures. In so doing, we bring honor to our Savior.

A LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP ... WITH JESUS CHRIST

On February 14, many Christians celebrate Valentine's Day. Valentine, a Roman priest, was made a martyr in 270 A.D. because of his love of Christ and his persistence in the Christian way of life. He often ended his kind and helpful letters to others with the words "Your Valentine." Later, as Christians remembered and honored this saint, they signed their letters of affection with the same words.

God has poured out his love into our hearts...
Romans 5:5

St. Valentine is considered by some Christians to be the patron saint of lovers and the helper of those who are unhappily in love. It seems fitting at this time of year to consider our "relationships" with our dear friends and, our family members, but most importantly our relationship with our Lord.

Long-term relationships go through cycles: ups and downs, hills and valleys, good times and bad. That's true in our spiritual life, too. For many of us, our spiritual life begins with a very powerful personal relationship with Christ. We can feel like we are on top of the mountain and have laid claim to the most important thing in all the world. And that strong and powerful feeling can stay with us and propel us for months and even years.

But I haven't found anyone who has said that they have been able to maintain that state of spiritual ecstasy throughout the entire course of their life. Sooner or later, we find ourselves in a spiritual valley. Sometimes we don't know why but we don't feel compelled to go to church, we can't find time to read our Bible or to pray as we ought. We are not "on fire for the Lord" as we were in the beginning of our relationship with Him. The "newness" wore off and we just don't have the intense interest in the things of God the way we did when we made Him Lord of our lives. Our personal and family relationships sometimes suffer this same "burn-out." We take each other for granted and lose interest in trying to make this the most wonderful relationship ever!

These down cycles don't last forever and more often than not there come brand-new stirrings in the heart. What would it mean for you to "fall in love all over again" with the One whom Revelation 2:4 calls our "first love"? This is a great time to come back home to the Lord, your first love, and renew at an even deeper and more seasoned level the most important relationship any of us will ever have in life. May we all love and serve Him 'til He returns.

Respectfully submitted by:
Teresa Nelson, WM Director
Westmoreland PH Church, Wilson

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

1999 EVANGELISM MINISTRIES CALENDAR

February	3	—	Evangelism Board Meeting
	17	—	Hispanic Credentials Committee (Wendell)
	20	—	Hispanic Training (Wilson)
	27	—	Archives Training, Falcon
March	19-20	—	Hispanic Training School, Falcon
	22-25	—	National Pastor's School, Greensboro
			— Speakers: Tony Miller, Jim Cymbala
	26-27	—	Hispanic Training School, Falcon
April	13	—	Evangelism Board Meeting
	17	—	Men's Training, Falcon
May	12	—	Hispanic Credentials Committee, Greenville
	23	—	Home Missions Sunday
July	8	—	Evangelism Board Meeting
August	11	—	Hispanic Credentials Committee, Tarboro
	20-22	—	National Hispanic Conference, IPHC — Austin, Texas
September	2	—	Evangelism Board Meeting
November	1-4	—	Breaking Barrier Conferences — Dr. Owen Weston
			Places to be Announced
	2	—	Evangelism Board Meeting
December		—	District Christmas Parties

In addition the Department will be scheduling various Revitalization Meetings within local churches and in certain areas. The Department personnel will also be available for Vision Care Seminars.

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NATIONAL PASTOR'S SCHOOL

Koury Convention Center

Greensboro, N.C. March 22 - 25, 1999

Conducted by General Superintendent's Office, International Pentecostal Holiness Church

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DISTRICT EVANGELISM RALLIES

Districts	Date
Raleigh and Wilson	Monday, March 29
Morehead City and New Bern	Tuesday, March 30
Goldsboro and Greenville	Thursday, April 1
Clinton and Fayetteville	Monday, April 5
Lumberton and Wilmington	Tuesday, April 6
Rocky Mount and Williamston	Thursday, April 8
Hispanic	Friday, April 9

Guest speakers are: M. Donald Duncan, Executive Director of World Missions Ministries, International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Steve Cofer, European and Middle East Missions Coordinator, International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

W.J. Forehand, Evangelist, North Carolina Conference, International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

FALCON CAMPMEETING
100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday evening, July 18 - Sunday evening, July 25

Guest speakers: Bishop James D. Leggett
Rev. Dr. Bob Ely
Rev. Dr. Vinson Synan

SPECIAL NOTICE!

All candidates for Conference Minister's License will meet with License Examining Committee at 9:00 a. m., Thursday, June 10 at Conference Cafeteria/Training Center.

All ordination candidates will meet with the committee on Friday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m.

(All candidate files must be complete beginning with application, letters or recommendation through completed exams and/or college transcripts).

EIGHTY NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

The Eighty-Ninth Annual Conference Session will be on Friday, July 23 at the J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle in Falcon.

PINEY GROVE CAMPMEETING

The Piney Grove Campmeeting at Chocowinity, N.C., will be conducted Thursday, August 19 through Sunday, August 29.

SPRING WORLD EVANGELISM RALLIES

March 29	Raleigh Wilson	Steve Cofer Donald Duncan
30	Morehead City New Bern	Donald Duncan Steve Cofer
April 1	Goldsboro Greenville	Donald Duncan Steve Cofer
5	Clinton Fayetteville	Donald Duncan Steve Cofer
6	Lumberton Wilmington	Jim Forehand Steve Cofer
8	Rocky Mount Williamston	Jim Forehand Steve Cofer
9	Hispanic Meeting	Steve Cofer or Roberto Gonzales

The places are to be announced. Each of the District Units are planning special music for the services. Some of the Districts are planning District Choirs. These rallies will also serve as District Conference, but the business will be minimal. The purpose is to emphasize the need of obedience to evangelism as we worship the Lord.

N.C. CONFERENCE WORLD MISSIONS MEALS FACT SHEET

1999

PURPOSE: Primary — To say thank you to all those responsible in making 1998 a fantastic and miraculous year for World Missions Support

Secondary — To award the Stars to churches for their 1998 support and to present the 1999 Program of Work.

INVITED GUESTS: Pastors and Spouses, Local World Missions Directors and Spouses, All Clergy and Spouses, Conference Officials and Spouses, Certain Invited Guests.

SPECIAL SPEAKER: Rev. Sherrill Orvin, Director of People to People Ministries, World Missions Ministries

REGISTRATION: Participants should register with the Conference Office by:
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February 4	11:00 AM	Pier 20	S. College Road, Wilmington
	7:00 PM	Ryan's	I-95, Lumberton
February 5	11:00 AM	Cobb Restaurant	Jct of Hwys 17, 13 & 64 Holiday Inn, Williamston
	7:00 PM	Ernie's Buffet	Hwy 421, Dunn
February 8	11:00 AM	Ryan's	Hwy 401, Raleigh-Garner Across From Wal-Mart & K-Mart
	7:00 PM	Western Sizzlin	Hwy 301 By-Pass, Rocky Mount
February 9	11:00 AM	Ryan's	Hwy 11, Greenville
	7:00 PM	Wilbur's	US 70 East, Goldsboro
February 10	11:00 AM	Golden Corral	Hwy 70 & Arendell, Morehead City
	7:00 PM (Hispanic)	Golden Corral	Hwy 264, Wilson
February 11	11:00 AM	Golden Corral	Hwy 264, Wilson
	7:00 PM	Berne Restaurant	Jct. Glenbernie & Neuse Blvd., New Bern
February 12	11:00 AM	Ernie's Buffet	Hwy 421, Dunn

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Darrel & Bonnie Clowers

Darrel and Bonnie will be leaving North Carolina about the 9th of January. They will be journeying to the West Coast and from there to language school. Our prayers and love go with them.

Ed & Judy Sauvageau

Ed, Judy, and family are home on furlough. They are presently in California. I do not have anyway to reach them presently.

Rose Boyd

Rose leaves for Africa in January. She has been home collecting materials for Operation Tools. May the Lord go with her as she returns to the field.

Betty Rogers & Althea Meyer

Betty and Althea have been away during the holidays visiting family and friends. They return next week in time for the C.E. Convention. Althea and Betty are filling their appointment books. They are working diligently to leave by the summer. They may be reached at the Falcon Missions Home (910) 980-1419.

Scott and Athena O'Conner

Scott and Athena have just learned they are expecting twins - due May 15th. Athena has been advised to come home. She will return home in January. Scott will join her for furlough in March. They plan to return to the field in July. Pray for Athena and Caleb as they travel.

Stefan and Andrea Hall

The Halls and newest arrival Mary Elizabeth (December 13) will arrive at the Clinton Home on January 22nd. We look forward to their itineration in North Carolina. The following is more information on them. Note this information as they are **NEW**.

Stefan and Andrea Hall

Children

Abigail - 5

Miriam - 2

New Baby - December 13 - Mary Elizabeth

- Hope to leave for Ghana, West Africa in June
- Will be working at Thana Theological College
- Only 12% of people in Ghana go to church

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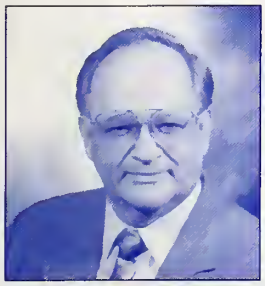

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Greetings!

Here it is February - the month when our thoughts focus on ***love***. Now, love is one of those words that means different things to different people.

Every year at Youth Camp we see boys and girls check each other out, then pair off – and many of them probably think they are in ***love***. On a recent Sunday, the pastor of the church I visited dedicated a baby. I watched two very proud parents and one very tiny infant – and saw illustrated another meaning of ***love***. In a national publication I read the story of one man risking his life to save another from drowning – that is a touching picture of ***love***. I heard on the news that a woman gave up a kidney as a transplant for her sister–***love*** if I've ever seen it.

Love is a word that means many different things. Yet, there is one love that surpasses all others, one that is not only beyond our ability to express, but also beyond our ability to understand—the love of God. In Romans 5:7-8, Paul put it this way: **"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."**

Any man worth his salt would die for his wife or children. Many of us would risk our lives or our health to benefit a brother, sister, or dear friend. But get this: God gave up His own Son, not for His friends, not for those who loved Him, but for those who hated Him, for His bitter enemies! And God gave His Son without any guarantees; each of us has the freedom to decide for ourselves whether or not we accept God's great salvation, purchased at so great a cost through His own Son.

God gave His own precious Son for the salvation of those who hated Him, without any assurances that the sacrifice would be accepted. That, my friends, is love in the extreme. It is my prayer for you that your life be filled with the love of God this February.

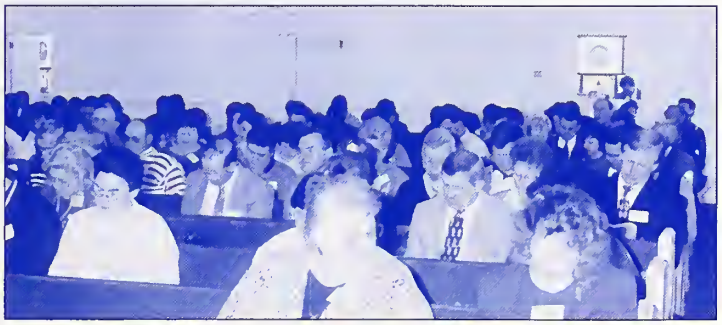
Convention '99

On Friday night and Saturday morning, January 8th and 9th, was our annual CEM Convention. We had excellent attendance, and the speakers were superb. On Friday night, nearly 200 teenagers were blessed by the ministry of Rev. Michael Jenkins of Kingsport, Tennessee, and were led in worship by Youth Pastor Kelly Clark and the youth praise band and singers from Gospel Tabernacle Church.

At the same time, workshops took place in the Training Center on the topics "Evangelizing Children" and "Ministering to Singles." There was a combined attendance of about 150 at these sessions.

Saturday morning saw two sessions entirely devoted to the teaching ministry of Dr. Elmer Towns, the man who is probably today's leading expert on Sunday School growth and development. Dr. Towns instructed over 200 people on "Leading the Sunday School into the 21st Century."

The picture below gives you an idea of the reception accorded the speakers at Convention '99. The "buzz" was that the sessions were both interesting and informative, and that participants gained insight into three crucial ministry areas.



Audiotapes of the ***Saturday*** sessions are available from Pastor Danny Nelson of Culbreth Memorial Church.

Greenville District Youth Rally

I am pleased to pass on to you the following information. "On April 1st, 1999, youth of the NC Conference are invited for an exciting time of live praise and worship led by Chap Chappell, and a powerful and relevant message by Archie Callahan. These men come to us from Harvest Outreach Ministries in Virginia Beach, where Bro. Callahan serves as Senior Pastor and Bro. Chappell serves as Minister of Music."

This event is sponsored by the St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church. The time is 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., and the location is the St. Paul Church sanctuary. For more information, call Senior Pastor Allen Mayo or Youth Pastor Jon Oliver at 252-752-5773.

Although this is not a conference-***sponsored*** event, it is certainly conference-**sanctioned**. If your church plans a similar outreach, please let the CEM office know two months in advance so we can help you promote it. ***Send us your church CEM news items!***

Announcing:

"The Karl Bunkley Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award"

Nominate your church's "Teacher of the Year"!

To participate in this new award, each church should select - and honor locally - its *Teacher of the Year*, then nominate that person to the conference. You will receive guidelines and nomination forms in a special mailing from Oklahoma City. They will also be available from the Conference CEM office.

The *Conference Teacher of the Year* will be chosen by a committee appointed for that purpose, then announced and recognized at the CEM service during Falcon Camp Meeting.

Conference Teachers of the Year will be nominated to the General CEM Department for the selection of a "National Sunday School Teacher of the Year."

Every church is eligible! The size of the church doesn't matter, but rather the qualities of the teacher. Don't miss this chance to recognize one of *your* faithful workers!

NOTE: *Nominations must reach the Conference GEM office by June 15, 1999.*

Reminders:

Honor CEM Workers Week

February 28- March 6, 1999

Plan creative and exciting ways to honor those who labor so faithfully! This would also be a good time to choose your *"Teacher of the Year."* Have a special service at which all workers are honored, then announce and recognize your *"Teacher of the Year."*

Emmanuel College Spring Preview Weekend

March 26 - March 28, 1999

Make arrangements to take your high school students to visit *our* school! It could change their lives! Contact Emmanuel College for more information.

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Looking AHEAD

TO THE NEXT GENERATION

T. Elwood Long

Superintendent's Page

The Apostle Paul challenged us with a never dying mandate recorded in I Corinthians 16:13, "...quit you like men." Don't give up! Don't give in! Don't jump ship! It seems to me he is saying to us when times are difficult - don't resign. There are three ways I wish us to look at this word. First, we can simply quit: resign and give up. Second, we can become resigned to a given circumstance and have a defeatist attitude similar to that of David's associates in Psalm 11, "what can the righteous do?" Third we can re-sign! That is simply, re-enlist; sign up again for the battle against all enemies of the Lord.

Rev. W. Eddie Morris, a beloved mentor of many of us served this fellowship as a clergyman from 1929 to 1991. His vast array of contributions to the Body of Christ included his twenty-four years of service as North Carolina Conference Superintendent. During that era the conference publication, *The Evangel*, was instituted. His article in March, 1961, thirty-eight years ago reinforces the subject I am addressing on this page. Brother Morris was a prime example of a man of God who would not quit.

If You Try and Don't Succeed, Try Again.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13

In August, 1960, I stood on the banks of the Atlantic Ocean and watched what appeared to be a star move across the starlit sky in a matter of minutes. As this space balloon whizzed on its journey at the rate of 15,000 miles per hour I wondered about Echo I. What is the good of it? Who thought it out?

Later when I found out it bounced the radio signal back to the earth and the words: "This is President Eisenhower speaking..." were heard around the globe, I had a great respect for it.

Who did it; was it by accident; was it easy? It seems at one time only one man had faith in the idea. That man was William J. O'Sullivan. It is said, "O'Sullivan heckled, harried and hornswoggled both those who worked for him and those he worked for. He went through channels, around channels, and even beyond channels to the White House itself, shepherding his crazy idea through the years of discouragement - until that triumphant August day when millions of people looking heavenward in Europe, Asia and North America saw Echo I curve gracefully from horizon to horizon."

As I stood on the Atlantic Beach on that night in August I saw the result of continued persistence. The will power to never say no. Seven failures, the sarcastic smile of men in authority, the impossibility of finding a material or plastic that could be put directly in hot water and have a tensile strength of 15,000 pounds per square inch. A metal to cover, protecting it from radiation and making it visible to the naked eye. All these and a thousand other people did not stop O'Sullivan. Popular Science Monthly carried the story as told by Don Murray. It was a "Do or die" kind of thing. This man succeeded and I saw the result sailing smoothly across the elements on that memorable night in August.

I have told you this to call attention to my own need of that kind of "never quit" until the task is completed regardless of the failures.

Apparently some people cannot work if someone laughs at their ideas. They feel the world has to place its approval on what they do or there is no use to try, but in most instances men who have accomplished something have done it in spite of others and not because of them.

In God's work, let us continue with the persistence of O'Sullivan. Let not failure in the first or second instance stop or impede our progress. Keep pressing on. Ask, seek, work, believe; be persistent in what you believe to be right. As this man won, so will others if we don't know what the word "impossible" means and learn with the apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

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CHURCH NEWS

Something to CELEBRATE

Superannuated Birthdays for March

Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Joseph Guthrie	March 6
Rev. Robert Overton	March 18
Rev. Cullen Gurganus	March 21
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard	March 24
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown	March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart	March 28

A SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

A Spirit of Revival is in the air at Vaughan's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness.

We are seeing a move of the Holy Spirit at Vaughan's Chapel. We have seen ten people receive Jesus as Savior. Also, eight have joined the church. We are seeing lives being changed.

We have more than doubled our worship attendence, and we have more than tripled our Wednesday night Bible study.

We have a visitation team going out every week, and people are responding to our visits.

God said if we would plant and water, He would give the increase.

Rev. T.P. Davis
Pastor

1999 Year-End Totals

The Lord has given the N.C. Conference another miraculous year. For the second year in a row the totals are over ONE MILLION dollars. Together, WE DID IT!

The "GO" Offering total was $200,718.90 The goal of $200,000.00 was reached. The total increase was 7.3% over 1997 — $187,076.78. Hallelujah! Several churches gave some extra giving in December to get us over the top. These extra funds not only helped the Conference reach its goal, but helped to reach the General Goal of $1,225,000.00.

The People to People goal of $100,000.00 was shattered. The yearly total was $132,447.68. Fantastic! This reflected a 39% increase in one year.

The Total Mission Giving was $1,028,756.05. The goal had been $1,025,000.00. This is the highest total ever for the N.C. Conference. God has been good!

The Grand Total for the Conference in Missions and Evangelism USA was $1,088,939.14. This reflects a 7.4% increase over 1997. 1998 was a fantastic year.

One year ends and another begins. The goals for 1999 established by the Conference Missions Committee are as follows:

"GO"	$210,000
People to People	$140,000
Missions	$1,100,000
Grand Total	$1,175,000

By God's help and faithful obedience, WE will reach these goals.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Jack Kelley, Acting Director

- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March — Royal Ranger Sponsorship Month
- April 3 — Resurrection Breakfast
- April 8-10 — National Conference On Men's Ministries - Knoxville, TN

- DID YOU KNOW?

Royal Ranger Sponsorship Month promotes the goal that every church with a Royal Ranger Outpost will see its Men's Ministries' Chapter promote a Royal Ranger sponsorship program. Here's the bottom line....The ministry operates by enlisting a man to support a boy with $1.00 a week for one year. The purpose is two-fold: (1) to assure that each boy is encouraged and prayed for daily; and (2) to raise money for the local Royal Ranger ministry. A photograph of each boy is placed on a certificate and given to the assigned sponsor to serve as a daily reminder for the sponsor to pray for his sponsorship boy. Need more information? Write Men's Ministries or call 910-323-4777.

- CHECK US OUT!

Men's Ministries on the World Wide Web at **www.iphc.org/mm.html**. Be sure to check out **"Heard From the Pew."**

- CHAPTER CHECK UP!

Has your chapter...

- ❑ Sent in its annual dues
- ❑ Sent in its annual report
- ❑ Planned to implement REACH 3 - you should receive your packet by February 15

- SEND THE LIGHT...

The **Saint Matthew's** chapter is the latest to contribute to help provide gospel literature to Myanmar and the REACH 3 ministry.

- Heard From The Pew

Across the conference men are in ministry: **Evangel PHC** - worked on their new Life Center building, gave out food baskets during the holidays, and worked at breaking down walls between race and denominations in their area. **Shiloh PHC** - removed shingles and prepared a roof for re-shingling for a handicapped church member, built a wheelchair ramp for another member who is wheelchair bound, and did yard work for the elderly. **St. Matthew's PHC** - installed a handicapped ramp for their fellowship hall and put a flagpole in front of the church, started the "Tree of Life" program, with 26 trees planted in Phase I. **Bethel PHC** - delivered fruit baskets to shut-ins and participated in Resurrection Breakfast, Send The Light, and Men of Action. **Gospel Tabernacle PHC** - held a Pastors and Staff recognition, along with Women's Ministries. They also formed three Disaster Recovery Teams. Last year they hosted a Resurrection Breakfast with 270 attending. **Jacksonville PHC** - focused on Pastor Appreciation, along with Women's Ministries. They also participated in Resurrection Breakfast, Prison Ministry, and Tract Ministry. **Benson PHC** - donated $500 to help the Micro PHC repair their roof, and participated in Resurrection Breakfast, Pastor Appreciation, Send The Light, and Men of Action. **Boardman PHC** - painted their sanctuary, built a 16 x 20 storage building, did yard work for the elderly, and visited shut-ins. Just a few of the reports from around the conference!

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone"

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Yesterday I saw my first daffodil blossom of the year! It was a lovely reminder that Spring is on the way. It was also a lovely reminder of a dear former pastor's wife. You see, I saw this daffodil in the backyard of the building which was formerly the parsonage at Holly Hill Church. Mrs. Sallie Watson, who was the wife of Rev. Alvah Watson, planted hundreds of flower bulbs in that yard when they pastored our church in the late sixties and early seventies. Since that time the house has been remodeled into a fellowship hall. The grounds have been landscaped in a different manner. Yet, in spite of all the changes, the little daffodil bloomed.

I remember Mrs. Watson saying that she always liked to leave things more beautiful than she found them. I was reminded of that by the blossom. Although it was many years ago when Mrs. Watson planted that bulb, it's bloom brings back precious memories. It reminds me of a beautiful pastor's wife. She was a woman who was committed to her husband's anointing and call to the ministry. She didn't play the piano or sing specials or have a preaching ministry; yet she contributed greatly to his calling. She was faithfully at his side. She worshiped in her own quiet manner in every service. She loved the people in a genuine and caring way. I was a young mother at the time, and I shall never forget the many words of wisdom she shared with me... not in a preachy, authoritative manner, but in a warm and kind way.

The blossom also reminds me that, for all these years since the Watsons were at Holly Hill, the work of her hands has been lying in the bosom of the earth. Each year when the weather warms, the little bulb comes to life. First, the green foliage edges its way up through the soil and choking grass until it is just barely visible. Once it gets above ground, its stems reach for the sun and spiral upward. Soon a flower is opening its face, bright and yellow. It sends off a lovely aroma as it bends and sways with the wind. This flower is a reminder of the resurrection. The bulb has lain dormant in the darkness of the earth for months; but when the conditions are right, it springs forth to new life.

Both the Watsons have now gone to be with the Lord, but I shall never forget their impact on my life. When Brother Watson passed away, I mentioned to Mrs. Watson that I hoped she would save his sermon notes and not allow them to be destroyed. She remembered my interest in his notes; and prior to her death, she instructed her daughter to give me his notes if none of the children wanted them. As a result, I am the benefactor of a box full of notes. I treasure them, for I know they were born out of fasting and prayer and time spent in study and fellowship with the Lord.

Even though Brother and Sister Watson are no longer here with us, their influence is still a blessing. I often rummage through that box of notes. I remember some of the sermons he preached while he served as our pastor. I remember how I would often call him when I had a question regarding a Sunday school lesson which I was to teach, and he would lead me to scripture and share his wisdom of the word. Now I glean information from these notes which I find helpful in my own ministry

And with the flowering of the daffodil, I am reminded that life goes on. My prayer is that I, too, will be able to touch the world in such as way so as to leave it a more beautiful place.

THINK ON THESE THINGS...

Most people who serve in leadership roles will at times find themselves questioning the commitment of the people whom they serve. In times like these, it is easy to point the finger of blame and use the seemingly apathetic state of our people as an excuse for the lack of success.

Al Jolson was a popular musical comedy star of the twenties. Someone once asked him what he did to warm up an unresponsive audience. Jolson answered, "Whenever I go out before an audience and don't get the response I feel that I ought to get, I don't go back behind the scenes and say to myself, 'That audience is dead from the neck up — it's a bunch of wooden nutmegs.' No, instead I say to myself, 'Look here, Al, what is wrong with you tonight? The audience is all right, but you're all wrong.'"

How many of us have blamed a poor showing on our *audience?* Perhaps we could be like Al Jolson and take a different approach. He gave his best performances to his coldest and most unresponsive audiences; and the result was, before he finished his performance, the audience was applauding and begging for more. Wonder what our local Women's Ministries meetings would be like if each local director adopted Al Jolson's philosophy. There is a spiritual principle involved here: *the more you give, the more you receive.*

As leaders, are we satisfied to just barely do enough to get by? Are we caught in this trap of pointing the finger? Or are we willing to accept the challenge of motivating our people to action?

Yes, it takes extra effort! We cannot achieve excellence if we are not willing to do some self-assessing. We must examine our leadership style and make adjustments to accommodate the needs of our people. We must answer some hard questions and face the truth as to whether we are enrolling our people or blaming them.

Women's Ministries leadership is not designed to be a one-woman show. Unlike Al Jolson, who was a lone performer on the stage, our program is designed for teamwork. By utilizing the local WM Council in annual planning sessions and quarterly update meetings, local leadership will find many fresh and new ideas and approaches and will also get the buy-in of those people who assist in the leadership role.

It is easy for us to find excuses for mediocrity; however, God doesn't accept excuses. When we accept the role of leadership in God's kingdom, whether it be as a pastor, Sunday school teacher, WM director, or whatever, we are accountable for our performance. Before we point the finger at our charges, we must first point it in our own direction. We cannot declare our people *"dead from the neck up"* and give up on them. If we are to be effective leaders, we must **look inward** at our own attitudes and leadership style. We must determine to take responsibility, to be willing to accept new ideas and to utilize the gifts and talents of others. We must also **look upward** to God for His direction, guidance and empowerment and then move forward in faith following where He leads. Let us choose to put full energy into our performance. There is joy and true satisfaction in knowing that you have done your best!

"Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all." (Proverbs 31:29, NKJ)

A FAVORITE PERFUME...

As I was going through a store in the local mall, the fragrance of gardenia permeated the air and was so pleasant I was drawn to find the source. The display of Claire Burke products was full of new spring fragrances. A fragrance, either pleasant or offensive, gets our attention. In our daily walk of life, we will be either a *"fragrant offering and sacrifice to God"* (Ephesians 5:2, NIV) or an aroma that will keep others from coming to Christ... as dead flies might give perfume a bad smell. As we prepare to be a part of the bride of Christ, we must leave the sweet aroma of the fragrance of Christ.

As others are in your presence, are they hoping you will soon go because of the fragrance of gossip, criticism, strife and selfishness which overwhelm them to the point they are at the brink of suffocation? Or do those around you want to draw closer to get a deeper breath of the fragrance you radiate?

Pleasing perfumes are a blend of ingredients, as is the fragrance of Christ. One ingredient is the aroma of FORGIVENESS. As found in Matthew 6:12, *"forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."* We must be forgiven. Without forgiveness in our lives, our smell will be no different than an offensive odor that is covered up. The offensive smell will overcome, making its presence known.

Another ingredient is the aroma of TRUST. *"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."* (II Corinthians 4:18). The aroma of trust is necessary for those things we don't know or understand. We must come to the point in our lives that faith and trust in Christ will keep us smelling sweet, kind and precious in a world that is not always kind, lovely and of a sweet aroma.

LOVE is a definite ingredient of the fragrance of Christ, and we are to *"love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul"* (Luke 10:27). Without this love, the bonding of the aromas is missing. If the blending ingredient is absent, the fragrance of Christ appears as unidentifiable odors.

The aroma of JOY is likened to putting the fragrance into a container of exquisite beauty. Joy is not the absence of sorrow, but it is the presence of Christ. Joy is the marketing tool of this most holy, anointed and costly fragrance of Christ.

Breathe deeply! What is your aroma? Does it smell like Christ? Is the scent you encounter one of a fragrant offering and sacrifice to Christ?

Allow the Holy Spirit to wash and cleanse you and to drench you in a heavenly perfume.

Breathe on me, Breathe on me,
Holy Spirit, Breathe on me.

(Submitted by KAREN BARNHILL, Raleigh District WM Director. Karen is married to Rev. Jimmy Barnhill and is the mother of two sons. She is a teacher in the public school system and is also a licensed minister in the NC Conference. Karen formerly served as the NC GEMS Director.)

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR HELD IN FALCON...

Falcon Children's Home Activities Building was the setting for the 1999 NCWM Leadership Seminar where over three hundred women gathered for a day of training. Local WM Council members were welcomed by their District Directors as they checked in and received packets. The Culbreth Memorial Church WM ladies served coffee, juice and doughnuts as the ladies gathered.

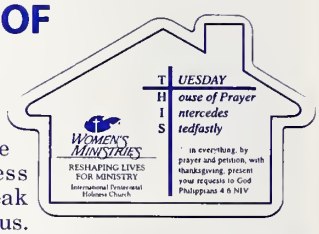
The program was begun as Rev. Bill Daniels of Falcon Children's Home gave a welcome and thanked the Women's Ministries for their promotion of Harvest Train and other means of supporting the home. Annette Lesh, Lloyd Spell, Jeff & Bonnie Tippett from the Grace Church in Cary led the attendees in praise and worship, and Annette furnished special music for the day. Rev. Jana Guitar, of the Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City, gave a very inspiring and motivational devotion.

Workshop sessions followed. Meshelder Richardson presented *"Speak Up"* which was tips on standing before and speaking to an audience. Phyllis Harrell's *"Building a Strong Team"* emphasized the value of teamwork and also led into a team-sharing activity. Patsy Deese led a session on *"Giving to God"* in which she explained the financial aspect of Women's Ministries and shared tips for reporting. Linda Thomas presented two workshops, *"Success in Leadership"* and *"Pathways to Action."* Both of these workshops were designed to give participants tools and ideas to make leadership more effective. Janice Marshburn's workshop, *"Privileges of Leadership,"* was a motivational presentation to inspire leaders to recognize the privileges of being a leader in God's work.

The ladies enjoyed a bag lunch which was also served by the Culbreth Memorial WM. This was an enjoyable and profitable day of sharing and learning.

The Director's Council will be held on May 1, and will serve as a follow-up to this day of training. Local WM Directors will be informed as to details regarding this day designed especially for them.

"TUESDAY HOUSE OF PRAYER"



"Tuesday" has become a focused day of prayer as women of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church unite and intercede to break the yokes and strongholds that bind us.

Prayer is our number one resource. All our programs will fail without it. Therefore, the North Carolina Women's Ministries is asking each local Women's Ministries group to join forces with the General Women's Ministries Prayer Team and focus on prayer every Tuesday. You might choose to organize groups and meet in different homes, or set a specific time and ask each lady to pray as individuals during that time, or you might encourage families to unite in prayer in an effort to restore the family altar. We ask that each Women's Ministries do whatever works for your particular group.

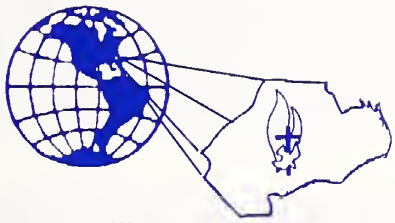
"This Tuesday House of Prayer" prayer magnets are available through the General Women's Ministries office, PO Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157, or phone 405-787-7110, ext. 3227. The magnets are $.50 each. By displaying your magnet you will be constantly reminded of this united prayer emphasis as well as providing an opportunity to explain the ministry to anyone who inquires about the significance of the magnet.

PRAYER EMPHASES

- Be elaborate and exuberant in praise and thanksgiving! Gratitude builds faith and lifts us into God's presence.
- **Pray** for unity in the Body of Christ and practical expressions of that unity through pastors and spiritual leaders.
- **Pray** that your local church will be a catalyst for revival in your community and city.
- **Pray** specifically for the conversion and revival for all who have influence over others in politics, in education, in religion, in the broadcast and print media, in the entertainment industry, and in other professional areas.
  (from Bill Bright's: *The Coming Revival*)
- **Pray** for laborers to be thrust forth into the Harvest and for the reviving of those who are already faithfully laboring.

For additional information contact Janice Marshburn, NCWM Director of Intercession, at 910-324-4388.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



D. Chris Thompson, Director

"WHERE THE SPIRIT IS LORD, THERE IS LIBERTY!"

SPRING EVANGELISM RALLIES

Each District Evangelism Unit will be planning a rally for each district. The emphasis of the rallies will be on world evangelism with a special focus on local evangelism. The rallies will also serve as District Conferences. Each district will be planning special music. Several of the districts are planning district choirs. The schedule is as follows:

March	29	—	Raleigh	—	Steve Cofer	—	The Genesis
			Wilson	—	Donald Duncan	—	Shiloh
	30	—	Morehead City	—	Donald Duncan	—	Maranatha
			New Bern	—	Steve Cofer	—	Heritage
April	1	—	Goldsboro	—	Donald Duncan	—	Whitley
			Greenville	—	Steve Cofer	—	Saint Paul
	5	—	Clinton	—	Donald Duncan	—	Clinton First
			Fayetteville	—	Steve Cofer	—	Baywood
	6	—	Lumberton	—	Jim Forehand	—	Lumberton First
			Wilmington	—	Steve Cofer	—	Wilmington First
	8	—	Rocky Mount	—	Jim Forehand	—	Ebenezer
			Williamston	—	Steve Cofer	—	Bethany
	9	—	Hispanic	—	Robert Gonzales	—	To Be Announced

The rallies will begin at 7:30 p.m. Each church should send an official delegate. All ministers should be present. In fact every church should have a good delegation present. Any and everyone should be present.

SPEAKERS:

Rev. Donald Duncan
Brother Duncan is well known in the church. He is the Vice-Chairman and Director of the World Missions Ministries.

Rev. Steve Cofer
Brother Cofer is the Overseas Ministry Coordinator of Europe and the Middle East. He has been an outstanding missionary for the church.

Rev. Jim Forehand
Brother Forehand is a N.C. Conference Evangelist. He is well known as a minister of the Word.

Rev. Robert Gonzales
Brother Gonzales is the new Inter-Cultural Coordinator for Evangelism USA. He works out of the Oklahoma City Resource Development Center.

CPR MEETINGS

The Conference CPR Team (Church Planting and Revitalization) will be conducting district training meetings in April. The topic will be Assimilation. Of all topics in dealing with revitalization, assimilation is perhaps the most important. It is easer to get people to church than to keep them there. This is the engine that pulls the train. There will be five meetings across the Conference.

The dates are as follows:

April 26	—	Greenville Area
	—	Rocky Mount Area
April 27	—	Fayetteville Area
	—	Lumberton Area
April 29	—	New Bern Area

Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue through 9:30 p.m. There will be two speakers, a question and answer time, and then refreshments.

Your Conference CPR Team is composed of the following: Superintendent Long, Director Thompson, Rev. David Wheeler, and Rev. Noah Barefoot. The CPR Team is under the direction and tutorship of Rev. Owen Weston of Evangelism USA.

In addition to these district meetings, members of the CPR Team are conducting local church revitalization meetings. These meetings embrace six hours and cover six topics - Vision, Worship, Assimilation, Outreach, Leadership, and Missions. Those interested in such a workshop at their local church should contact Director Thompson.

JERUSALEM MINISTRY

What follows is the testimony of Michael and Jennifer Oliver and their work in Jerusalem in 1998. Michael and Jennifer represented the N.C. Conference as short-term workers. They hope to become full-term missionaries to Jerusalem at a later date. Praise the Lord for this dedicated couple. They are available to share their testimonies.

We are glad to report to the North Carolina Conference that Jennifer and I had an exciting trip to Israel. We left for Israel on July 27, 1998. We arrived at Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport on the 30th of July. After two days rest we proceeded to our work in the Coffee Shop.

The Coffee Shop, known as the Loaves and Fishes, is located inside the Jaffa Gate in the old city of Jerusalem. The International Pentecostal Holiness Church shares this ministry with the Christ Church. Christ Church is the oldest Protestant Church in the Middle East (consecrated 1849). The cooperation with Christ Church in the Coffee Shop provides the Pentecostal Holiness Church with an open door that most churches do not have. Beginning a ministry in Israel can be difficult. However, because Christ Church is already established and is older than the modern-day State of Israel itself, it enjoys privileges that newer churches do not have when someone wants to build a church from the ground up, such as, access to certain important visas, established presence in the country, familiarity with authorities and historical value to the country.

Michael and Jennifer Oliver

Jennifer and I worked hard in the Coffee Shop. We worked some 40 hours a week. We had opportunity to work alongside people from all over the world. The volunteers at the shop represented as many as 7 countries. The work was difficult and demanded patience and perseverance. However, we had chances to witness to all kinds of people, Jews, Arabs, and people from all nations of the earth.

Other than our service at the shop, which consisted of food preparation, waiting on customers and cleaning up, we also had ministry opportunities with Christ Church. Jennifer sang in the Praise and Worship team on Sunday nights. She also played the piano at two separate services at Christ Church in which the volunteers were in charge. The Lord blessed them with the opportunity to preach those two services. On Thursday nights we led a Bible Study; the topic was the book of Romans.

In October, I was able to baptize four friends in the Jordan River. I thank the Lord for that opportunity and responsibility. We awoke early one Monday morning and traveled to Tiberias to the baptismal site on the Jordan River. It was a special time in the Lord for us all. We went throughout the Galilee area and spent the entire day in fellowship. Other than the baptismal, the highlight was climbing Mt. Tabor (believed by many to be the site of the transfiguration of Jesus.)

Israel is a beautiful and precious country, it is also a beautiful and precious people. Today more and more Jews are coming to the saving knowledge of Jesus. (More in the last ten years than in the previous fifty.) I continue to pray for our brothers who are still held by blinders, that our Father in Heaven in time will roll back the veil and let Yeshua the Messiah be seen by his own.

I am grateful that the Lord called us to such a ministry. Jennifer and I hope some day to return to Israel. We are expecting a baby in July. In the mean time we will continue working on our credentials, with hopes to share our experiences with others. I do hope that the North Carolina Conference will pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

Christian Education Ministries Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report – October, November, December 1998

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1700	0	675	0	650	529
GLAD TIDINGS	350	0	312	0	200	
KINSTON FIRST	643	0	290	0	321	259
MT. OLIVE LD	309	0	209	0	100	70
TARBORO FIRST	214	0	175	0	185	147
THE FIRST	360	0	173	0	150	135
MT. CARMEL	369	0	171	0	213	115
CLINTON	309	0	164	0	225	177
STEDMAN	282	0	150	0	208	122
WILSON FIRST	187	0	143	0	80	82
ST. PAULS	167	40	142	10	132	122
GREENVILLE FIRST	260	0	141	0	100	82
TARBORO LAROCA	135	0	135	0		
WHITLEY	269	0	132	0	248	156
SHILOH	289	38	129	34	189	94
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	461	20	128	15	423	313
SMYRNA	106	0	127	0	101	87
THE CAPITAL	350	0	125	0	170	186
BIZZELL GROVE	163	40	119	29	80	53
GRACE FAMILY FELL.	210	0	114	0	192	134
BRENTWOOD	140	0	114	0	155	173
CHADBOURN	220	0	113	0	174	79
HARKERS ISLAND	133	0	113	0	67	41
BENSON	167	48	112	20	140	92
ST. PAUL	165	0	111	0	105	102
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	208	25	111	22	169	65
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	143	0	109	0	143	130
PINE LEVEL	180	0	109	0	13	
PENIEL	262	0	106	0	110	62
HARVEST TEMPLE	191	65	104	38	135	75
WILLIAMSTON	154	10	101	6	107	78
LUMBERTON	322	14	100	18	140	73
EVANGEL	210	19	95	20	105	66
BELFAST	134	0	89	0	94	44
BETHANY	155	5	87	24	109	42
GATEWAY	100	0	83	0	83	
ROPER	114	0	82	0	103	76
BAYWOOD	120	0	79	0	67	73
ROANOKE RAPIDS	260	37	78	38	40	38
WALLACE	229	0	77	0	84	67
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120	0	77	0	101	67
WESTVIEW	113	0	76	0	101	47
PIKES CROSSROADS	187	32	73	20	145	30
HARVEST FELLOWSHIP	81	0	72	0	14	12
ST. JOHN	129	0	71	0	35	56
FAITH GD	75	0	70	0	45	0
SANFORD FIRST	94	0	70	0	49	45
BOARDMAN	210	0	67	0	201	34
STANTONSBURG	108	0	67	0	60	60
SHARON	103	0	67	0	47	39
WILMINGTON	142	0	66	0	142	48
MILLENNIUM	137	41	66	39	90	26
HOBGOOD	100	0	66	0	25	18
NAKINA	82	0	65	0	20	21
MARANATHA	99	0	63	0	50	88
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71	0	63	0	30	24
HOPE MILLS	63	0	63	0		
TYNDALL GROVE	75	0	61	0	30	20
MANLEYS GROVE	143	0	60	0	56	56
MT OLIVE (GD)	80	0	60	0	0	0
SNOW HILL	56	0	55	0	12	10
MOORES CHAPEL	93	0	54	0	71	29
KENLY	120	0	54	0	14	11
EMMANUEL	90	0	54	0	60	58
THOMAS CHAPEL	129	0	53	0	66	28
WINTERVILLE	79	0	52	0	48	0
BRIDGETON	74	0	51	0	48	0
REHOBOTH	139	0	51	0	0	0
GRACE	65	0	50	0	15	10
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104	0	49	0	59	24
GETHSEMANE	140	0	49	0	28	31
ST MATTHEW	69	0	48	0	43	0
BLACK CREEK	71	0	48	0	0	0
HOLLY HILL	98	0	48	0	63	23
BETHEL	86	0	47	0	43	
TRENTON	157	0	47	0	26	
GOSHEN	85	0	47	0	36	32
NEW BERN FIRST	84	0	47	0	32	21
TAYLORS CHAPEL	107	0	47	0		0
HODGES CHAPEL	87	0	46	0	0	0
FAMILY LIFE TABERNACLE	50	0	45	0	41	44
FAITH WD	50	115	45	114	0	0
MIDWAY	116	0	45	0	85	34
JONES GROVE	47	0	44	0	18	17
CARSON MEMORIAL	80	0	44	0	65	29
REELSBORO	100	53	44	41	59	35
THUNDER SWAMP	89	0	43	0	11	0

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BROCKS CHAPEL	168	0	43	0	91	32
HIGHER GROUND	111	0	43	0	58	32
EASTSIDE	202	0	43	0	21	0
EBENEZER	52	0	42	0	45	34
THE GENESIS	71	0	42	0	10	6
SELMA	55	0	42	0	0	0
NIAGARA	165	0	41	0	45	22
SPRING HOPE	50	0	41	0	50	41
HIGHEST PRAISE	40	0	40	0		
IGLESA HISPANA S.	45	0	40	0		
GRACE F.F.HISPANIC	40	0	40	0		
WARSAW	82	0	40	0	0	0
ABERDEEN	67	0	39	0	63	26
WESTMORELAND	152	0	39	0	104	44
FRIENDSHIP WD	93	0	39	0	63	22
SPRING OF LIVING WATER	48	0	38	0	29	28
LIVING WATERS	50	0	38	0	50	31
HAMILTON	75	0	37	0	46	35
AYDEN	59	0	37	0		
VANCEBORO	42	0	36	0	0	0
JACKSONVILLE	43	0	36	0	22	10
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	58	0	36	0	0	0
IGLESIA HISPANIC(RD)	49	0	35	0		
NEW BEGINNINGS	35	0	35	0		
SCOTLAND NECK	53	0	35	0	28	28
ELIZABETHTOWN	50	0	35	0	10	19
ABBOTTSBURG	42	0	35	0	25	15
WADES POINT	55	0	34	0		
SHILOH	90	0	34	0		
HERITAGE	56	0	33	0	46	34
WELDON	66	0	33	0	4	0
TABERNACLE	63	0	33	0	33	22
INDEPENDENCE	52	0	32	0	26	26
LOWLAND	37	0	31	0	24	0
GARLAND	65	0	30	0		
MISSIONARY	30	0	30	0		
SNEADS FERRY	100	32	30	15	30	14
BAILEY	43	0	30	0	21	19
CEDAR POINT	37	0	29	0	21	14
ALBRITTON	72	17	29	16	41	22
OAK RIDGE	64	0	28	0	28	21
NEW VISION	51	0	26	0	25	0
ALERT	71	0	26	0	35	32
NEW HOPE	23	0	25	0	0	0
NEW CREATION	25	0	25	0		
FAMILY WORSHIP CTR.	25	0	25	0		
TRINITY NBD	65	0	24	0	60	15
SONLIGHT	38	14	24	25	28	19
SIMS	50	0	23	0	5	0
CALVARY LD	39	0	23	0	0	0
MERRITTS CHAPEL	54	0	22	0		
LAMM'S GROVE	50	0	21	0	0	
LYON MEMORIAL	72	0	21	0		
NEW COVENANT	70	8	21	10	28	17
GLOBAL OUTREACH MIN.	26	0	20	0	10	
FRIENDSHIP NBD	27	0	20	0	20	9
KINSTON FIRST HISPANIC	20	0	20	0		
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PENDERLEA	25	0	18	0	14	17
GRACE COMMUNITY	31	0	18	0	28	12
GRIFTON	40	0	18	0	30	
GOOSE CREEK	34	0	17	0	19	0
VICKS CHAPEL	17	0	17	0	0	0
RED SPRINGS	70	0	17	0		
MIDDLESEX	17	0	17	0		
CLAYTON	23	0	16	0	11	
WEST ROAD	15	0	15	0		
ABUNDANT LIFE	16	0	15	0		
TRINITY CD	19	0	15	0	8	0
CALVARY TEMPLE	19	0	12	0	0	
BELHAVEN	20	0	11	0	0	0
PLYMOUTH	9	0	8	0	0	0
HARVEST TEMPLE	9	0	8	0		
WAKELON	11	0	7	0	0	0
NEW LIFE	7	0	7	0		
CRYSTAL COAST	36	0	7	0	0	0
SWANQUARTER	12	0	6	0	0	0
MICRO	17	0	6	0		
LIGHTHOUSE	8	0	6	0	0	0
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And the angel answered and said unto the women, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay..."

Matthew 28:5, 6 (KJV)

T. Elwood Long

Superintendent's Page

We eagerly grasp the Vision for the future the Lord has in store for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Simultaneously we need to keep in mind where we came from.

IPHC Historic Timeline

The following is an abbreviated timeline of historic events that have shaped the development of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church over the past 130 years. You can access this material and much more on the Internet.

1867 .....◆ National Holiness Association formed in Vineland, NJ.

1879 .....◆ Iowa Holiness Association formed.

1894 .....◆ Southern Methodist Church rejects Holiness Movement; more than 25 Holiness groups form.

1895 .....◆ Iowa Fire-Baptized Holiness Association formed by B.H. Irwin.

1898 .....◆ First Pentecostal Holiness congregation organized in Goldsboro, NC.

◆ Miss Mattie Mallory opened an orphanage in Oklahoma City, which evolved into the Children's Center in Bethany, OK.

◆ Fire-Baptized Holiness Association [national] formed; B.H. Irwin elected general overseer.

1899 .....◆ Four Fire-Baptized Holiness Missionaries arrive in Cuba.

◆ Founder of the Fire-Baptized Holiness Association B. H. Irwin began publication of the ***Live Coals of Fire*** in 1899 from Iowa.

◆ The Fire-Baptized Holiness Association ordained women and had female ruling elders over conferences.

1900 .....◆ First PH Convention held in Fayetteville, NC; A.B. Crumpler elected president.

◆ Joseph Hillary King chosen as general overseer of Fire-Baptized Holiness Association.

◆ Ms. Emma DeFriese served as principal of the Fire-Baptized Holiness Association School of the Prophets in Beniah, TN, when it opened in 1900.

1901 .....◆ Word "Pentecostal" eliminated from name **"Pentecostal Holiness"**

◆ Students in Topeka, KS, baptized in the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues.

◆ ***The Holiness Advocate*** in Clinton, NC, had a successful run from 1901 to 1908, the handiwork of A. B. Crumpler. Name changed from Fire-Baptized Holiness Association to Fire-Baptized Holiness Church (FBH).

1902 .....◆ G. F. Taylor led the Bethel Holiness School in Rose Hill, NC, from 1903 until 1907 when he left to head up the Falcon Holiness School (1907-1916) which had started in 1902.

1906 .....◆ **Azusa Street Revival** began under leadership of W. J. Seymour; G. B. Cashwell filled with Holy Spirit.

◆ In 1906, the Emmanuel's Bible School was established in Beulah, Oklahoma, where Daniel Awrey would serve as principal.

1907 .....◆ Revival in Dunn, NC, led by G.B. Cashwell, results in FBH and PHC accepting Pentecost.

◆ In October of 1907, G. B. Cashwell published the first issue of ***The Bridegroom's Messenger*** out of Atlanta, which he edited for one year before resigning to concentrate fully on his evangelistic efforts.

◆ Crumpler resists the Pentecostal experience; attacks A. H. Butler in his publication.

◆ J. H. King, General Overseer of the FBHC, sought for and received the Pentecostal baptism and spoke with other tongues on February 15.

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- Word Pentecostal restored to name **"Pentecostal Holiness."**

1909 .....◆ Falcon Orphanage in Falcon, NC, began taking in children.
- Fire-Baptized Holiness and Pentecostal Holiness Church merged in Falcon, NC; S.D. Page elected first general superintendent.

1913 .....◆ 2nd General Convention, Toccoa, GA.

1915 .....◆ Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, under leadership of N.J. Holmes, consolidated with PHC in Canon, GA.

1917 .....◆ ***Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*** launched; G. F. Taylor served as editor until 1934, except for 1925-1929; *Advocate* served as official voice of church until 1997.
- **3rd General Conference**, Abbeville, SC.
- G. F. Taylor founded, Franklin Springs Institute (name changed to **Emmanuel College** in 1933).

1921 .....◆ **4th General Conference**, Roanoke, VA.

1925 .....◆ King's College operated in Oklahoma from 1925 until 1932.
- **5th General Conference**, Franklin Springs, GA.

1929 .....◆ **6th General Conference**, Oklahoma City, OK.

1931 .....◆ First Hispanic Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church was organized in March, 1931.

1933 .....◆ **7th General Conference**, Marion, NC.

1937 .....◆ **8th General Conference**, Roanoke, VA.

1941 .....◆ **9th General Conference**, Franklin Springs, GA.

1943 .....◆ **National Association of Evangelicals** organized, with PHC as a charter member.

1945 .....◆ **10th General Conference**, Oklahoma City, OK.

1946 .....◆ Southwestern College founded in Oklahoma City; R. O. Corvin president.

1947 .....◆ Oral Roberts launched a healing ministry with his first city-wide campaign in Enid, Oklahoma.

1948 .....◆ Eight groups, including PHC, formed Pentecostal Fellowship of North America (PFNA).

1949 .....◆ **11th General Conference**, Jacksonville, FL, Carmen Home for aged citizens opened in Carmen, OK.

1953 .....◆ **12th General Conference**, Memphis, TN.

1957 .....◆ **13th General Conference**, Oklahoma City, OK.

1961 .....◆ **14th General Conference**, Richmond, VA.

1965 .....◆ **15th General Conference**, Greensboro, NC.

1967 .....◆ Affiliation signed with **Pentecostal Methodist Church** of Chile.

1969 .....◆ **16th General Conference**, Memphis, TN.

1973 .....◆ **17th General Conference**, Roanoke, VA.

1974 .....◆ International Headquarters moved from Franklin Springs, GA, to Oklahoma City, OK, where the denomination has more congregations than any other city in the world.

1975 .....◆ General Executive Board added word **International** to name.

1977 .....◆ **18th General Conference**, Oklahoma City, OK.

1981 .....◆ **19th General Conference**, Oklahoma City, OK.

1983 .....◆ **Target 2000** adopted by General Board of Administration.
- Affiliation signed with **Wesleyan Methodist Church** of Brazil.

1985 .....◆ **20th General Conference**, Richmond, VA.

1989 .....◆ **21st General Conference**, Oklahoma City, OK.

1990 .....◆ **First World Conference** of PH Churches met in Jerusalem.

1993 .....◆ **22nd General Conference**, Jacksonville, FL.

1994 .....◆ PFNA dissolved. **Pentecostal/ Charismatic Churches of North America** [PCCNA] emerged as a racially inclusive organization.
- Name of International Headquarters changed to **Resource Development Center.**

1996 .....◆ **First Solemn Assembly** held in Fayetteville, NC [August] to repent of the sins of Spiritual Pride, Judgmentalism, Controlling Spirit, Racism, Male Domination, Elder-Brother Syndrome and Greed.
- **Seize the Future** Summit satellite broadcast beamed to 38 points of presence in the U.S.

1997 .....◆ **23rd General Conference,** Kansas City, MO.

You will be informed and blessed as you know more about the body of believers among whom you labor. I strongly suggest that each of us should revisit our roots occasionally. Dr. Vinson Synan has rewritten his book, ***Old Time Power***, in which he reviews the first century of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

You may secure a copy by contacting LifeSprings at 1-800-541-1376 or P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639.

Let us pass our story on to those who follow after and thrust all our commitment into the future the Lord has for us. He has fresh Vision for The Mission for each of us.

CHURCH NEWS

Shining as Stars

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed –
not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence –
continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,
for it is God who works in you to will
and to act according to his good purpose."

Philippians 2:12,13, NIV

Dear Friends,

Terry Barts loved you. At this time in our lives, your thoughtful expressions of kindness toward our family have made us feel so special. We will always remember and treasure the love of God that we felt through your heartfelt actions.

The many flowers and plants we received were so beautiful. They warmed our hearts, and we appreciate your expression of sympathy. Thank you so much.

May God's love be a constant blessing to you and your family, as you have blessed ours.

The Family of Terry Barts
Beverly, Allison, D.A., Matt, Michael, William & Shirley

Terry was Youth Pastor at Glad tidings P.H. Church in Morehead City.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Rev. Samuel Williams	**April 16**
Rev. Rodney Knowles	**April 22**
Rev. Jettie Parker	**April 24**
Rev. Elton Lancaster	**April 27**
Rev. Mrs. Georgia Osborne	**April 28**

Kaitlyn Elisabeth Rooks

Pastor Chris and Chrystal Rooks of the Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pembroke, NC announce the birth of a daughter Kaitlyn Elisabeth. She was born on January 6, 1999 in Smithfield, N.C. and weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz.

NEW BABY!

Mrs. Lisa Ward Clifton, the Superintendent's secretary, gave birth to a baby boy, Landon Ward Clifton on Monday, March 1, 1999. Mother and baby are home with dad, Todd, and big brother, Ashton. Lisa is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. H. Ray Ward of the Smithfield Church.

BROTHER PETER NJUNGE RECOVERING

Our brother, Peter Njunge of Nairobi, Kenya, is doing much better. Those who attended the recent Missions Meals remember this brother. We raised some $2,851.16 as a love offering for him. The home where he and his wife were staying was broken into. They were robbed and Peter was beaten with a wooden club. Among his injuries, he received a broken arm and leg. Missionary Phillip List reports that he is recovering well. Praise the Lord!

NOTE BURNING CEREMONY HELD

Sunday, February 14, 1999, Harvest Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church, New Bern, NC, had a note-burning ceremony.

The history of the church was given by Rev. Linwood Butts, founder and former pastor. Rev. John Slye, pastor of the church, introduced the officiator of the note-burning ceremony, Rev. T. Elwood Long, Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Superintendent Long started the note-burning service, with responsive praise reading from Psalm 150. The superintendent and congregation gave praises to the Lord and expressed their humble gratitude to God for His blessings upon the church. Pastor John Slye, the church board and Pastor Linwood Butts burned the notes.

Following the note-burning ceremony, Superintendent Long gave a stirring message. The Holy Spirit touched hearts in the congregation.

After Benediction the congregation was invited for lunch. Delicious foods and desserts of every description were served.

Thanks to the faithful people that gave unselfishly with their time and money and stood by the church to make February 14, 1999 a reality in the Lord, truly a great day for Harvest Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Mark Your Calendar

- April 17 . . . . . **Vibrant Men's Ministry Training** – Falcon
- June 13 . . . . . **Laymen's Sunday**
- July . . . . . Men's Ministries **Men of Action Month**
- August . . . . . Men's Ministries **Friendship Evangelism Month**
- August 13-14 . . . . . **Promise Keepers** – Charlotte

Reach 3 – By now every pastor and Men's Ministry President in the conference has received the packet on Reach 3. Already, we have received great reports from churches throughout our denomination on their implementation of this soul-winning ministry! Here's the question...***Has your chapter implemented Reach 3?***

Vibrant Men's Ministries Training – Mark down this date for this class to be held at the **Conference Training Center in Falcon on Saturday, April 17**. This is a **"MUST"** for pastors and their core leadership group of men, and it will help answer the question "Why does my church need a Men's Ministry?" **The ANSWER** – (1) men are hungry for God (2) men need authentic brotherhood in Christ (3) men have valuable spiritual gifts to offer the local church (4) men are searching for significance. **See you there!**

Heard From The Pew – Across the conference men are in ministry: **Stantonsburg PHC** – in 1998 hosted a Resurrection Breakfast, Father & Son Banquet, and a fishing trip. They also purchased a new sign for the church and had a Men's Christmas Dinner. **Bethany PHC** focused on Pastor Appreciation Day, Send The Light, a tract ministry, and sent men to Promise Keepers' "Key Man Training." **Westmoreland PHC** – held 12 monthly meetings and supported Send The Light and Pastor Appreciation. **Tarboro First** – the men participated in Friendship Evangelism, prison ministry, Pastor Appreciation, and Royal Rangers. **Goldsboro First PHC** – sponsored a Royal Ranger Outpost and had a Royal Ranger Sponsorship Program, participated in Pastor Appreciation and Send The Light. Their most exciting event was the chapter helping needy families.

Four Benefits of Team Leadership in Men's Ministry

1. **A leadership team is much more effective than an individual in keeping the ministry focused on its purpose.**
2. **A leadership team shares the tasks and therefore gets the most work done.**
3. **A leadership team creates a much larger base for future leaders. It's a hotbed for leadership development through multiple coaching.**
4. **A leadership team fosters common sense accountability.**

Tools, Issue Number 5, 1997

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone"

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA . . .

Don't you just love springtime? I do! When the grass turns green and the trees leaf out, that which has seemed dead springs forth in new life.

One of my springtime favorites is the butterfly. Some poets have described butterflies as "winged flowers" and "flying gems." Their movement is more graceful than that of a ballet dancer. Their colors are as beautiful as the rainbow. Scientists believe that there are approximately 90,000 different kinds of butterflies and moths, making them the second largest order in the animal kingdom.

Behold, I make all things new.
Revelation 21:5

The butterfly is an interesting creature. Every butterfly goes through four stages in its life. During each stage, its appearance is different and it leads a completely different kind of life. It begins as an egg which is laid by the female. In a few days, a larva (caterpillar) begins to form from the egg. The caterpillar spends its life eating and growing. It eats its own eggshell and then advances to leaves and such until it is fully grown. Then it finds a place to turn into a pupa, its next stage of life. It spins a sticky liquid thread which dries and attaches itself to a solid object such as a twig or stick. The pupa slips out of its skin and deposits itself onto the silk button it has spun and attaches there. A hard shell forms over it. The pupa does not eat and is inactive. Inside the shell a great change takes place. The structures of the caterpillar change to those of the butterfly. When the process is completed, the butterfly pushes its legs out of the shell and pulls the rest of its body free. After a few minutes of tightening muscles and pumping air and blood through its body and wings, the adult butterfly is ready to fly. This changing process is called metamorphosis.

It is interesting to me that in its caterpillar stage, this insect is very harmful. The caterpillar destroys millions of dollars worth of crops every year. Cabbage, alfalfa, beans, cotton, fruit and many other plants are destroyed by this culprit. In the pupa stage, it idles in darkness and is useless. Yet, in the butterfly stage it becomes very useful and is necessary to the balance of nature. Many flowers must have pollen from other blossoms to produce fruit and seeds, and butterflies carry pollen from flower to flower to facilitate this.

There is an analogy here which relates to the human race. We are born in sin with the Adamic nature in us. There is nothing we can do to prevent this. If we continue to live in that state, we can be very harmful. In the darkness of sin, we are useless to the building of God's kingdom. It takes a real change, a spiritual metamorphosis, for us to become a thing of beauty and a contributor in producing spiritual fruit. The transformation that takes place in our lives does not come from within us. It has been provided for us through the blood of Jesus which was shed on Calvary. Though we find ourselves in the darkness of the cocoon of sin, our Creator provides a means of bringing us to the Light.

So, I love it when the butterflies appear in the springtime. I enjoy their beauty and appreciate their purpose for being. However, what intrigues me most about them is where they have been. I am reminded that, no matter how harmful or useless we might have been, there is hope. The Light of Jesus makes provision for us to emerge from the darkness of sin as creatures of beauty and usefulness, with the ability to share that lifegiving message and produce spiritual fruit.

Springtime and butterflies...Thank you, Lord, for these lovely reminders.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE...

Faye Viverette

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die...." (Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 2a)

In the past few weeks, I have lived in the strong awareness of this portion of scripture. I have experienced the loss of a very dear friend and co-worker, Faye Viverette, whose unexpected death on February 19 came as a great shock.

I was asked by Faye's family to participate in her funeral service. Following is what I shared with the family and friends who attended.

"When I think of Faye Viverette many pleasant descriptors come to mind. In fact, I could just go down the alphabet & describe her. Faye was Able – a very capable person with a willingness to work. She was Beautiful – a deep inner beauty that far exceeds the outer markings of the flesh. Faye was Compassionate – a woman with a caring spirit, who took action to meet the needs of others. She was Dedicated & Dependable - one who was committed and on whom you could count to carry through her assignment. Efficient and Effective describe Faye, for she certainly knew how to get the most from resources at hand, and she knew how to get results. Faye was Fun...I'll never forget the humorous moments we had together...sharing stories and giggles during late night work sessions getting ready for conventions, etc.

There really isn't time to go through the entire alphabet here today...but the most descriptive word that comes to my mind when I think of Faye Viverette is FAITHFUL. I believe this word well describes her. I am reminded of the words of Jesus in the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 when He was inciting his followers to watch for His coming. He challenged them to keep the watch, for they did not know when the Lord would come. He said, "Be ready"...it will be in an unexpected hour. He went on to ask a question: "Who is the faithful and wise servant?" Then He answered His own question: "Blessed is that servant who is doing the work assigned to them when the lord of the house comes." This is a picture of Faye Viverette.

Several years ago, we were in need of a Women's Ministries District Director for the Rocky Mount District. At the district conference, I asked for a volunteer to assist me in passing out materials and receiving Feast of Ingathering offerings. Immediately Faye arose to do so. I did not know her then, but I watched her move

among the women and noted her warmth and caring attitude. A few weeks later, after making some inquiries about Faye, I called to ask her if she would be interested in working with us as a district director. She agreed to pray about it and call me back, which she did in a few days. Her answer was that she felt this was a way the Lord could use her. From that time on, Faye worked diligently to promote Women's Ministries. She visited nearly every church in the district. She made phone calls, sent newsletters, helped with conference-wide events, and helped with preparing for conference-wide events and conventions – everything from stuffing packets to washing toilets. She proved loyal to her assignment, no matter whether great or small.

She told me several times what a blessing her assignment had been to her. She shared that there were times in her life when she felt like no one believed in her, yet this assignment had confirmed to her that God wanted to use her. Isn't that just like the Lord? When we give our best, we will be blessed!

Although we are shocked at the timing of Faye's passing, isn't that just what Jesus said to his followers?

Faye didn't know the Lord of the House was coming for her this soon. She was making plans for the future. But the beauty of this account is that Faye had not forsaken what the Lord had called her to do.

She was found faithful.

I believe Jesus' words in Matthew 25:21 bring us to where Faye is today. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Somehow I can picture Faye today standing as close to Jesus as she can get just waiting for an opportunity to volunteer to help in some way. She was faithful here in the few things that her physical body permitted her to do; but in her spiritual body in Heaven, Faye will be a ruler over many things.

Today Faye is remembered in love, and our hearts are forever touched by her journey through our lives."

"A time to be born, and a time to die." And it was all in God's season.

A TIME TO BE BORN...

You all know very well that I can't miss the opportunity to share a picture of my first grandchild with you. After all, I have looked at your pictures and rejoiced with you on such occasions in your lives! It's finally my turn!

Our oldest son, Scott and his wife, Sherri, are the proud parents of Little Miss Sarah Elizabeth Thomas. (Her name means Princess given of God.) She arrived on Sunday, February 28th, weighing 8 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long. And, of course, she is simply beautiful.

A happy moment in the lives of Joe and Linda Thomas as they admire their brand new granddaughter.

ANOTHER GEM...

At a recent meeting of the Mount Olive (Pembroke) Women's Ministries Council, Pastor Chris Rooks shows off his new daughter. Kaitlyn Elisabeth was very well behaved while mother, Chrystal, and dad participated in the meeting.

NEWS FROM ROANOKE RAPIDS...

In an effort to spice up our programs we decided to break away from the ordinary night meetings. The Roanoke Rapids First PHC Women's Ministries held a Saturday morning breakfast meeting which was a great success. With 36 ladies in attendance, a breakfast of bacon, eggs, grits, toast, jelly, fruit and beverage was prepared and served by Linda Borrell, Lynne Dickens, Cecilia Kinnin and Helen Wallace. A devotion was presented, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Special music was presented and door prizes were given. Throughout the year, different ways of holding and presenting meetings were tried. Due to the positive response from our ladies concerning the program variations, we plan to continue to be creative and strive to meet the needs of all our members. Our vision is to minister to the women of our church and surrounding community.

Submitted by Cecilia Kinnin
Roanoke Rapids First Church WM Reporter

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER...

The National Day of Prayer was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1952 and signed into law by President Truman. The law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Reagan to be the first Thursday of May each year. The designated day for 1999 is May 6. This day has been set aside to encourage Americans of all faiths to take time to intercede on behalf of our country, our leaders, our homes, and our families. The 1999 theme is *Light the Nation...with Prayer*, taken from Matthew 5:14-15:

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

America is in desperate need of prayer. The Godly principles upon which our nation was established have increasingly become overshadowed by immorality, and our only hope lies in repentance and the power of unified prayer. We can become a vital part of spiritual restoration in our nation as we respond to 2 Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

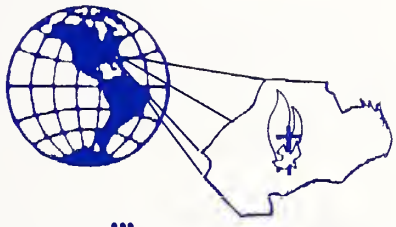
This verse encourages me to believe that there is hope for our nation. Jonah 3:10 proves that, when we approach God in true humility and repentance seeking forgiveness for our sins and the sins of our nation, God responds. As we pray, the Lord graciously allows us to participate in releasing His healing power upon our land.

As NCWM Director of Intercession, I urge you to encourage your women to join Christians around our great nation in intercession on May 6, 1999. Individuals can pray in the privacy of their homes, meet in their church, or participate in a community event. The important factor is not WHERE we pray, but THAT we pray.

If you want additional information on National Day of Prayer, you may call 719-531-3379 or e-mail NDPTF@aol.com.

Submitted by Janice Marshburn
NCWM Assistant Director & Director of Intercession

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



D. Chris Thompson, Director

"WHERE THE SPIRIT IS LORD, THERE IS LIBERTY!"

N.C. CONFERENCE GAINS 1998

	1997	1998	Gains	Percent
Membership	23,704	24,136	432	1.8%
A.M. Attendance	16,652	17,025	373	2.2%

Total Preaching Points 186

GOALS

YEAR	MEMBERSHIP	AM ATTENDANCE	SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY	NET CHURCHES
1998	24,750	17,500	11,975	183
1999	25,925	18,450	12,600	190
2000	27,125	19,350	13,325	195
2001	28,500	20,500	14,600	200

1998 NEW CHURCH REPORT

1 New Organized Church – Covenant Family Fellowship, Apex

New Church Starts – 9

- Covenant Family Fellowship – Anglo
- New Faith Worship Center – Anglo
- Faith Family Fellowship – Anglo
- Lighthouse – Anglo
- Washington – Hispanic
- Smithfield – Hispanic
- Mt. Olive (Pembroke) – Hispanic
- Stantonsburg – Hispanic
- Morehead City – Hispanic

CPR TRAINING

CPR stands for Church Planting and Revitalization. The Conference CPR team is composed of Superintendent Long, Director Chris Thompson, Director David Wheeler, and Noah Barefoot.

The team is working very closely with Dr. Owen Weston of Evangelism USA. Each conference has been encouraged to have a CPR team.

In the CPR training the fifteen points of revitalization and growth are presented and discussed. Presently the team is working their way through the six points of vision, worship, assimilation, outreach, leadership, and missions. These points prove to be the engine that drives church expansion and effective ministry. The upcoming CPR training events are as follows:

"Full" Basic Training (Top 6 Points)

Saturday, April 10
Pikes Cross Roads – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Goldsboro District

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 7, 8, 9
Lumberton First – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night
Lumberton District

Saturday, July 10
Trinity – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Rocky Mount District

Saturday, August 14
Friendship – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
New Bern District

District Training for Assimilation Only
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday – April 26
Goldsboro/Greenville Districts
The First Church

Tuesday – April 27
Raleigh/Wilson Districts
Moore's Chapel

Thursday – April 29
Wilmington/Jacksonville Districts
Wallace

Monday – May 3
New Bern/Morehead City Districts
New Bern First Church

Tuesday – May 4
Rocky Mount/Williamston Districts
Grace Family Fellowship

Thursday – May 6
Clinton/Fayetteville Districts
Clinton First Church

There is no registration fee for the meetings. The meetings are for clergy and laity alike.

VIBRANT MEN'S MINISTRY

The Evangelism Ministries is co-sponsoring with the Men's Ministry a Vibrant Men's Ministry Leader's Training at Falcon on Saturday, April 17th, Conference Training Center. All clergy and local men's ministry leaders are invited. Dr. Bob Johnson, Promise Keepers of Wilmington, is the invited speaker.

WORLD MISSIONS

1998 RECORDS – BLESSINGS OF GOD

	1997	1998	% Change
Global Outreach "GO"	$ 187,076.78	$ 200,718.90	+7.3%
People to People	95,513.47	132,447.68	+38.7%
Grand Total	1,014,114.73	1,088,939.14	+7.4%
(Missions & Evangelism USA)			
Missions	$959,539.49	1,028,756.05	+7.2%
Evangelism USA	54,575.30	60,183.09	+10.3%

WORLD MISSIONS GOALS

	1997	1998
GLOBAL OUTREACH "GO"	$200,000.00✓	$210,000.00
People to People	$100,000.00✓	$140,000.00
Grand Total	$1,100,000.00	$1,175,000.00
(Missions & Evangelism USA)		
Missions	1,025,000.00✓	1,100,000.00
Evangelism USA	75,000.00	75,000.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHURCHES

Total Giving

1.	Northwood Temple Pastor John Hedgepeth	$195,569.59
2.	The Capital Pastor Tim Marriner	46,348.49
3.	Stedman Pastor Randal Strickland	35,254.00
4.	Gospel Tabernacle Pastor King White	33,946.14
5.	Shiloh Pastor Ralph Leggett	29,122.00
6.	The First Church Pastor Jimmy Whitfield	25,900.00
7.	Clinton First Pastor Ken Milliken	25,516.35
8.	Kinston First Pastor Bobby Williams	23,502.99
9.	Greenville First Pastor David Wood	23,439.98
10.	Lumberton First Pastor Greg Long	22,566.00

Per Capita Giving

1.	Lyon Memorial Pastor Dallas Gurganus	201.54
2.	Stedman Pastor Randal Strickland	190.56
3.	Vanceboro Pastor Mel House	166.96
4.	Shiloh Pastor Ralph Leggett	150.11
5.	Wakelon Pastor Lester Jarrett	144.51
6.	The Capital Pastor Tim Marriner	140.44
7.	Bethany Pastor Hill Teachey	133.42
8.	Hollands Chapel Pastor Thad White	131.41
9.	Benson Pastor Jimmy Barnhill	117.58
10.	Selma Pastor Bobby West	110.81

New Missionaries for 1999

Althea Meyer — South Africa — 910-980-1419
Stefan & Andrea Hall — Ghana — 910-592-1327

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

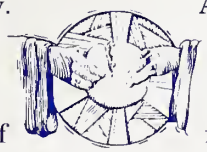
David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

Hello, again!

I hope this communication finds you and yours enjoying the blessings of God. At Easter time we need to be sure and focus on things beyond chocolate bunnies, colored eggs, and new clothes.

Not that I have anything ***against*** those things – especially anything made of chocolate! – but Easter is so much more. I was recently reminded of the true meaning of Easter, of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, by a piece of broken bread.

Last November I joined 100 or so other pilgrims in the old Octagon Tabernacle for an early communion service. When the elements were distributed I took a small piece of light bread from the silver tray. As the prayer of blessing was prayed, I opened one eye – don't ask me why – and realized that my piece of bread had broken. Most of it had fallen onto the pew in front of me and I was left with only a tiny scrap pinched between my fingers.

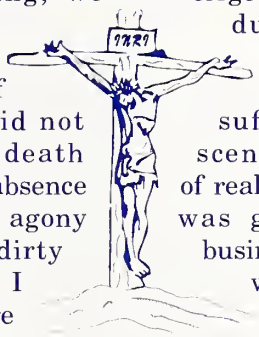


No big deal, I reasoned; a tiny piece would serve just as well as a whole loaf as a symbol of the Body of the Lord – and I ***knew*** I didn't want to eat the part that had fallen onto that old pew. It probably wasn't clean. It had been contaminated with who-knows-what. It was certainly not suitable for the element of communion! But something in me was not satisfied with that line of reasoning.

As the man prayed on, I wrestled with myself. Should I make do with the tiny, relatively unsullied bit I had left, or should I pick up the fallen piece?

As his prayer drew to a close, I had a revelation – both about my piece of communion bread and about the Christian life in general. We tend to want our Christianity saran-wrapped, kept from all contact with the "real world." We want our crosses made of gold, our pictures of the crucifixion sanitized, and our visions of Jesus glorified.

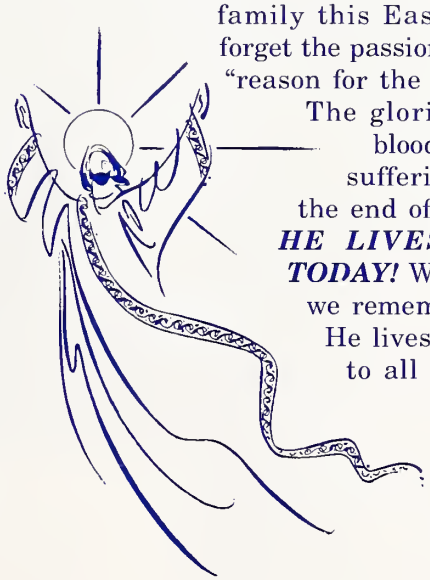
In so doing, we forget all about the blood and gore, the dust and dirt, the earthiness, the just plain filthiness of the passion of our Savior. He did not suffer some 1950's Hollywood death scene, with great theatrics but absence of real pain. His suffering was real, His agony was genuine, and His dying was a dirty business.



Next time I will probably let the bread lie where it falls, but that morning, I just ***had*** to pick it up. What better symbol of the dirty, broken body of our Lord than a piece of dirty, broken bread? After all, it was for ***me*** that He became broken and dirty; it was ***my*** dirt, it was ***my*** brokenness He endured. Because He became dirty, I could be made clean. Because He was broken, I could be made whole.

I took up the broken piece and reunited it with the scrap in my hand, and, with other pilgrims, I ate. It was one of the most blessed communions I have ever experienced. As I ate that piece of "fallen bread," I remembered a Savior who reached down to lift up a fallen man, and I gave thanks for His love and His sacrifice.

Even as you enjoy the blessings of friends and family this Easter, be careful not to forget the passion of Our Lord. He is the "reason for the season" at Easter, too. The glorious truth is that the blood and gore and dirt and suffering of Calvary was not the end of the story! The fact is, ***HE LIVES – JESUS LIVES TODAY!*** We celebrate His life and we remember His death because He lives, and gives life eternal to all who will receive Him.



Celebrate Jesus this Easter!

Hallelujah!
Christ Arose!

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A high-intensity discipleship experience for those who have demonstrated leadership potential.

Each church has received information through the mail. Enlist *your* teens today – *IF* they have what it takes!

Conference Junior/Teen Talent Finals

Junior Finals: Saturday, May 1, 1999

Teen Finals: Saturday, May 15, 1999

Both events take place at The First Church in Goldsboro, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Falcon Youth Camp!

Teen Week – June 13 - 17: Speaker – Rev. Michael Jenkins
Junior Week – June 20 - 24: Guests – Western Witness
Primary Week – June 27 - July 1: Evangelist – Whittle-Do

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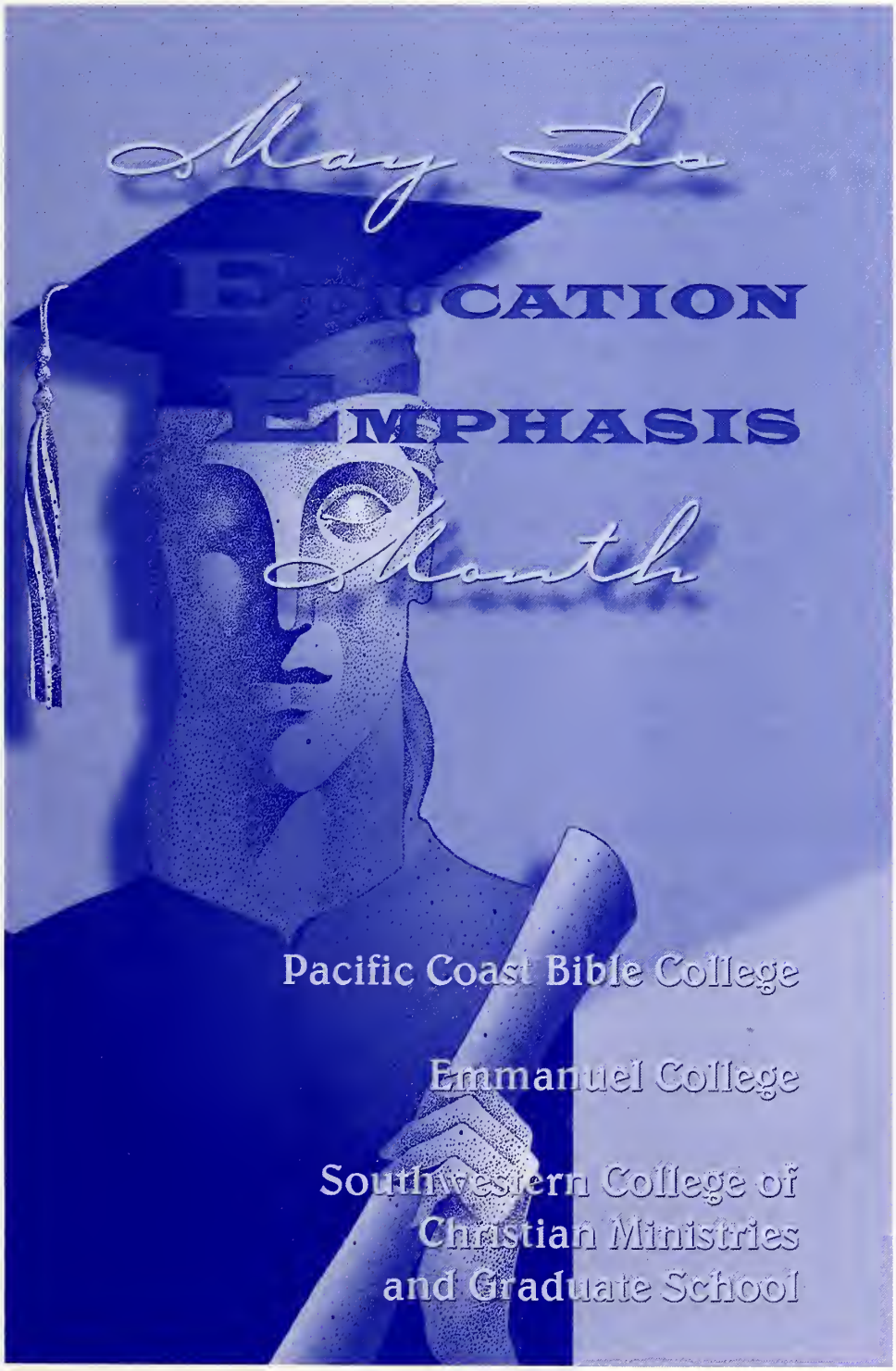

T. Elwood Long

Superintendent's Page

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7 WAYS TO RATE YOUR CHURCH

Your congregation's spiritual environment can be tested.

by Leith Anderson

Money magazine annually rates the 300 best places in America to live. The ratings are based on climate, affordability, amenities, crime rate, public transportation, medical care, and other factors.

A similar approach has been taken with churches. Several major metropolitan newspapers regularly review churches. A religion writer makes an unannounced Sunday visit and analyzes everything from the sign on the outside to the sermon on the inside. Like restaurant and theater reviewers, some writers even use ratings, from one star (poor) to five stars (excellent).

Before protesting the impropriety of such ratings, reread Revelation 1-3 and recall the biblical reviews of the seven churches of Asia Minor.

Most people rate church atmosphere within the first 15 minutes of their first visit. They may not be able to fully explain how they reached their conclusions, but here's what they're likely looking for:

1. Sensing the presence of God

People expect God to come to church. I wish I could define what exactly people are looking for. I can't. I guess it's like beauty - you know it when you see it even though you can't put it in words.

In Steve Macchia's book *Becoming a Healthy Church*, he tells the story of a pizza delivery person walking into the new ministry center of Community Covenant Church in Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Ten feet into the building, he stopped and asked, "What's going on here? What's this presence?"

Just as people can sense the presence of evil, they can sense the presence of God. For some who have never before experienced God, this single characteristic may determine their choice of church. Experiencing the supernatural is such a high priority in today's culture that it's importance dwarfs everything else in rating a church's atmosphere.

2. Other- centered

Some churches are self-centered. Some are others-centered. It's not hard to tell the difference.

A friend recently entered a church lobby on a Sunday morning and walked straight into a donut-and-coffee hour. The people were talking and laughing and having a good time. They liked their church, but they never noticed her. After a few minutes of uncomfortable invisibility, she proceeded to the worship center where she sat in a pew alone for ten minutes. Finally an older lady sat and talked with her. The older lady also was new.

By contrast, an others-centered church is immediately interested in new people, what they need, and how the church can help. Such churches have a customized approach that changes with every person. The others-centered church talks little about its programs or its people unless that is truly helpful to the newcomer.

When our son was looking for a church in southern California, someone at one church told him, "You really should check out X Church across town with a singles ministry that would fit you better than anything we

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have to offer."

I was impressed. I found that church attractive - truly others-centered.

3. Understandable terminology

Healthy churches tend to speak in terms everyone can understand. They make an effort to translate religious terminology into everyday language rather than to repeat clichés and jargon that constantly remind insiders they are insiders.

An insider knows that a *revival* is a series of weekday and weekend religious services, but an outsider might never guess. "Passing the peace" is a common part of many liturgies but sounds a lot like asking for more pizza at the dinner table. "The ushers will wait on us for the offering" could mean that we aren't going to let anyone out until we all put something in. The most alienating lingo is abbreviations BYO may mean "Baptist Youth Organization" to church members but "Bring Your Own" beverages (or booze) to everyone else.

Blessed are those churches where everyone can understand what is being communicated!

4. People who look like me

As soon as most of us enter a room, we look around to see what everyone looks like. Our level of comfort can be high or low depending on how quickly we find someone else who looks like us. In a room full of women, a man thinks, *I'm in the wrong place*. In a church where all the people up front are men, women wonder if they are welcome. In a gathering where everyone is young and casually dressed, the older person in a business suit feels out of place. When everyone else is white, the person of color notices.

That can be hard to change. If everyone in the church is old, younger people are less likely to come. The church that wants to be integrated may have a challenge getting started. Yet, it is amazing how even the smallest symbols can make an impact. Seeing one person who looks and dresses "like me" up on the platform or ushering or pictured in church publicity can communicate an open and inviting atmosphere.

5. Healthy problem handling

You can often tell more about a church by the way it handles problems than by the way it handles success. This makes for an easy measure because every church has problems.

What happens when the sound system emits a squeal or drops into embarrassing silence? How does the preacher respond to the howling two-year-old? Do nursery workers apologize or become defensive when they can't find your baby's diaper bag? When the church is running behind budget, is that a denunciation for the under-giving or a challenge to prayer and generosity?

What makes a healthy church is not the absence of problems. It's how problems are handled.

6. Accessibility

Every Saturday the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reviews a local church, and every review evaluates whether the church building is handicap accessible and whether there is adequate parking.

However, wheelchair ramps and parking stalls are only the beginning of accessibility. Is there clear and easy access to getting questions answered, meeting new people, talking to church leaders, joining the membership, discovering opportunities for spiritual growth, becoming part of a small group, resolving complaints, and signing up to serve? High ratings go to churches that are "barrier free" in every sense of the term.

At our church, every attender is invited to complete an information card at every service. There are blocks to check areas of interest. Each week many people write questions, comments, and criticisms on the back of their cards. By Monday morning all of the cards are sorted and assigned for personalized follow-up. It is part of our commitment to be accessible in every possible way.

7. Sense of expectancy

Listen to hallway conversation about the church, and you can decide if the primary verb tense is past, present, or future. Most healthy churches are hopeful churches. They are permeated with high expectations of God's blessing for the future.

The majority of people who come to church feel beaten up Monday through Saturday; they are not looking for another beating on Sunday. They come to church for healing and hope. They want to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. They want to be told that God is there, God has not forgotten them, and God will bless them in the future. The church that truly believes and says that "because of Jesus Christ the best is yet to come" - that is the church that breathes spiritually healthy air.

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend J. Everette Eatmon

November 26, 1928 - December 14, 1998

J. Everette Eatmon was credentialed by the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1950. He officially retired in 1972 but continued to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ on a regular basis as his health and invitations afforded opportunity.

Brother Eatmon was a wise but gentle man who loved God supremely, his family and his church. He loved the world with a deep compassion for lost people.

Services were conducted in his honor at Westwood Pentecostal Holiness Church and at Sunset Gardens in Henderson on Wednesday, December 16, 1998.

I, along with a host of friends, still miss him. However, he is with the One who loved him most.

–TEL

In Memory Of A Servant

On December 14, 1998, Rev. J. Everette Eatmon, a true servant of the Lord, went to receive his reward in heaven. He died from complications following surgery in the V.A. Hospital in Durham, N.C. He resided at 1257 Southerland Mill Road in Henderson, N.C. with his wife and son.

Everette Eatmon was born to James A. And Mary Worrell Eatmon on November 26, 1928 in Wilson County, N.C. Married on May 31, 1953 to Grace Jackson, he had one daughter, Anita, and three sons, Laverne, Dale and James.

He was a member of Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness church where his parents attended. Rev. Eatmon answered the call to preach in 1984, evangelized for five years before accepting Thompson Chapel as his first pastorate.

He had pastored at Thomas Chapel, Farmville, Red Springs, Vanceboro, Harkers Island and Roper, where he retired in 1972 for health reasons.

In the late 70's, early 80's he pastored Warrenton and the Alert Church, combined total of seven years.

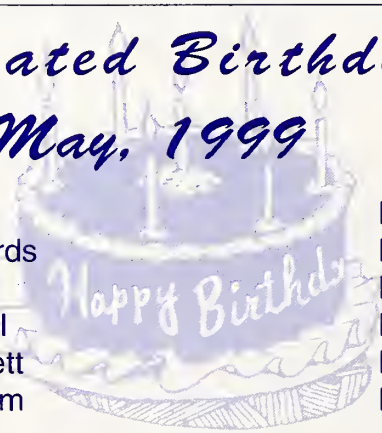
More than eighty revivals, plus Bible studies, he still found time to do fill-in pulpit ministry, not just in his own denomination but in other denominations as well. One of his biggest thrills in his life was preaching at the Falcon Camp Meeting in 1995.

Whenever Brother Eatmon's name is mentioned in his community, two things are always said. He was a fine preacher and pastor and he was really a "good man"!

He is going to be missed by his family and his many friends, but he will be remembered as a good and faithful Servant to the Lord.

—His son, Laverne

Superannuated Birthdays For May, 1999



R. N. Hood	May 19
Garland Edwards	May 20
W. M. Watkins	May 20
Thomas Bizzell	May 21
Leonard Leggett	May 25
Royce Beacham	May 29

BOOK REVIEW

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

The Journey Isn't Over: The Pilgrim Psalms for Life's Challenges and Joy By Walter C. Kaiser Jr. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1993. 160 pp. $8.99.

A Devotional commentary that will serve as an excellent source for Wednesday or Sunday evenings' presentations designed to exhort and encourage believers as they travel through this life. Kaiser uses the Psalms of Ascent [Psalms 120-134] as the basis of this study. These songs were sung by the Jewish pilgrims during their three pilgrimages to Jerusalem as they gathered to worship God in the feast. A wide range of topics are offered that include a weariness of the pagan environment, grace to bear ridicule and contempt, a cry for forgiveness from the presence of God, and reflections on the great things God has done. Questions for thought and discussion are presented at the end of each Psalm. For those who feel life is one long and wearisome battle with no apparent end in sight, this book offers helpful suggestions on how to handle life's difficulties and keep a song in your heart for God.

Deliver Us From Evil: Restoring the Soul in a Disintegrating Culture. By Rami Zacharias. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1996. 234 pp. $19.99

Although God created the Cosmos to be a beautiful presentation of His Divine creative power, depraved humanity has succeeded in tainting His world. Man left to himself separated from God, is on a collision course to certain destruction. Zacharias, one of America's foremost critical thinkers, unmasks and explains the three "explosive theories and devastating ideas," *secularization* that has led us to a loss of shame, generating evil even against those we love, *pluralization* that has led us to a loss of meaning, generating evil against faith; he offers a very simple but powerful solution. Let's return to true truth as presented in the infallible and reliable Word of God. He makes the claim that the Bible is the only resource that can give coherence in our communities, without which, this evil, alienated world will fall apart. A must read for any serious Christian.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Office Closed
Memorial Day, May 31

Examining Committee
Minister's License Candidates
Thursday, June 10— 9:00 a.m.
Cafeteria/Training Center — Falcon

Ordination License Candidates
Friday, June 11 — 9:00 a.m.
Cafeteria/Training Center — Falcon

Office Closed - Friday, July 2

FALCON CAMP MEETING
July 18 – July 25

SPEAKERS:
Bishop James Leggett, General Superintendent
International Pentecostal Holiness Church
Reverend Bob Ely, President
Southwestern School of Christian Ministries
11:00 a.m. service - Dr. Vinson Synan, Dean
School of Divinity - Regent University
Minister of Music: Reverend Ray Faircloth
Pastor, Saint Paul's Pentecostal Holiness Church

Inspirational Conference Session
Friday, July 23rd

YOUTH PASTOR

Youth Pastor Position

Pastor Jim Whitfield, senior pastor of The First Church of Goldsboro, is seeking to fill the position of Youth Minister on the staff of The First Church.

Interested persons may call 1-919-734-2674 or 1-919-734-4660. Résumés may be faxed to 1-919-734-2893 or E-mail to 1stph@mail.icomnet.com

WANTED

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH PASTOR

The Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church of Wilson, North Carolina, has an opening for Christian Education/Youth Pastor. Experience is desirable but is not necessary. Persons interested should submit a résumé to Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church, 5843 Shiloh Church Road, Wilson, North Carolina 27896.

You may contact Pastor Ralph Leggett by phone at 1-252-347-0262 or 1-252-237-0597.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Mark Your Calendar

- June 13.....**Laymen's Sunday**
- July .....Men's Ministries **Men of Action Month**
- August.....Men's Ministries **Friendship Evangelism Month**
- August 13-14.....**Promise Keepers** — Charlotte
- September 13-14.....North Carolina **Men's Advance** — Falcon

Men's Conference

Location: **Charlotte, NC**
Date: **August 13-14**
Theme: **Choose This Day (Joshua 24:15)**

An invitation to you to "choose this day" to:

- Understand the times we live in and learn what to do about them.
- Lead a godly family in an ungodly culture.
- Defend your heart from temptation and overcome sin.
- Integrate the power of Scripture, prayer, and worship into everyday life.
- Transform your world for Christ.

TO REGISTER...
call 1-800-888-7595
(Spanish) 1-800-203-1564
Also, you may register online at
www.promisekeepers.org

Bill McCartney, President and Founder of Promise Keepers said, "Contrary to the moral decline around us Promise Keepers is calling on Christian men to demonstrate the positive impact Christ can make in our lives, families, and communities. Men must understand the times and do something about it."

If you want to volunteer at the conference call 704-422-8550 or toll-free 1-800-417-1878.

Ed Cole's Advice for Men's Meetings

After 40-plus years of ministering to men, Edwin Louis Cole has boiled down a few principles for leading a men's group:

1. **First, work on yourself.** "Leaders must talk to God about their group before they talk to their group about God." Work like it's all up to you: pray like it's all up to God.
2. **Be consistent.** "In any new avenue in ministry, the only 'trick' is consistency. Men won't commit to a moving target - once they know you're committed, they will grow committed, too."
3. **Be loyal.** "Men naturally follow a leader whom they believe will take a bullet for them. Your constant concern, fairness, encouragement, and 'being there' will eventually win them."
4. **Stand firm.** Not everyone will agree with you all the time. Listen and learn from the disagreements of members, but don't sweat the constant criticism from the few stone-throwers."

From *New Man*, November/December 1995, p.14.

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone"

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY — MAY 23

On Sunday, May 23 the N.C. Conference will celebrate Home Missions Sunday. The purpose of this special emphasis as promoted by the N.C. Evangelism Ministries will be to encourage outreach among the local churches and to further church expansion. This is primarily a prayer emphasis. Things happen when people pray! For the last three years this prayer emphasis has focused on Hispanic outreach. This year is no exception. There is still a such a critical need for outreach to the Hispanics of Eastern North Carolina. There are presently nineteen Hispanic preaching points within the Conference. Praise the Lord for this number, but many more are needed.

A few days ago John Parker and I visited with a new Hispanic pastor who is considering uniting with us. He is a young man with a wife and two children. He is called of God, but with no training and no credentials. He has built a church of 80 plus. He and his people worshiped in a storefront in one of our small towns. They were asked to leave because of parking and the other merchants. They then used a tent outside of town. They were told they could not worship in a tent. He was told he would be arrested if he did not cease immediately. They then moved to an old building outside of town (literally falling down) at a high rate of rent. These people need us and we need them. Lord you must help us to reach them!

We must pray and we must reach the Hispanics. The primary way is to start a new church for them. The reason being - the language barrier. This, however, does not mean a separate building. We have some beautiful and spacious buildings across Eastern North Carolina. The Lord has blessed us! This present generation at times is riding on the backs of our parents and grandparents. We are blessed because of our forefathers' sacrificial labors. May we be willing to open our hearts to the future as did our ancestors.

We certainly could use some finances in this area, but the primary need is prayer. We need a positive attitude of outreach and an attitude of generosity in opening our buildings to these men and women. On this special day it is requested that every church, every minister, and every church member pray for Home Missions.

I was grieved a few days ago to read this statement from a Hispanic pastor in a local paper. "We're good enough to do their work, but we're not good enough to go into their churches to share the Word," said a bitter J. T. Mercado, pastor of the Latino Baptist Mission in Coats. "At our last mission, they asked us to leave, they said, 'We don't want no more Hispanics stinking up our pews.'" Thank the Lord, this is not true for most of the churches. But there is much yet to be done.

CPR EVENTS

CPR stands for Church Planting and Revitalization. The Conference CPR team is cosponsored by Superintendent Long, Director Chris Thompson, Director David Wheeler, and Rev. Noah Barefoot.

Monthly CPR

- April 10 — Pikes Cross Roads — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Goldsboro District
- June 7, 8, 9 — Lumberton First — 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night — Lumberton District
- July 10 — Trinity — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Rocky Mount District
- August 14 — Friendship — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — New Bern District

District CPR — Assimilation — 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Monday — April 26 — Goldsboro / Greenville Districts — The First Church — Long and Wheeler
- Tuesday — April 27 — Raleigh / Wilson Districts — Moore's Chapel — Long and Barefoot
- Thursday — April 29 — Wilmington / Lumberton Districts — Wallace — Thompson and Wheeler
- Monday — May 3 — New Bern / Morehead City Districts — New Bern First Church — Thompson and Barefoot
- Tuesday — May 4 — Rocky Mount / Williamston Districts — Grace Family Fellowship — Thompson and Barefoot
- Thursday — May 6 — Clinton / Fayetteville Districts — Clinton First Church — Long and Wheeler

The district meetings will be a two-hour focus on assimilation. Each meeting will be the same. Anyone may attend the meeting that is most convenient to them. All the CPR meetings are for clergy and key lay leaders. A minimum of two CEU credits will be awarded for the district meetings.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF ROMANIA

- With sweater drawn around her, an old woman, head covered with a kerchief, lowers a bucket into the well in her small dirt yard.
- A father, mother and two children ride in a horse-drawn wagon filled with hay, which extends over the sides and covers half of the two-lane street.
- A woman sits on the stone steps of her small house, dipping a freshly killed chicken in hot water as she plucks the feathers.
- A group of teenage girls in jeans, brightly colored jackets, and high platform shoes, giggle as they wait on the corner for the bus.
- Wagons – everywhere – wagons of bagged potatoes, sticks, manure, people, dirt, hay...
- Clusters of Christians walk by lantern light to church because the village has no electricity right now.

- Walking between two horses, one man leads them as another man with a hand plow follows behind, working the field.

- A little boy, with hoe bigger than himself, works with his mother in freshly loosened soil in their small garden.

- As we stop in traffic, a five- or six-year-old girl mashes her nose against the car window, hand extended, hoping for money.

- In the early morning, wagon loads of shiny milk cans make their rounds in the village, stopping by homes to sell fresh milk.

- An old woman stands high atop a haystack pitchforking hay, as her equally old husband pitches hay from an adjoining haystack.

- We are greeted by the cold, chapped handshakes of ruddy-faced Christians who have walked to the village church in very cold temperatures, yet their hearts are warm with the love of Jesus.

- While the day is still young, a woman sweeps the dirt before her little house with a short broom made of unruly tree limbs.

- The humble mother in the home where we had a service takes a hand-made scarf from her small table and presents it to us, "so you will remember us."

- Victoria, a weathered, old saint, interrupts the service with a request for prayer because her cellar is filled with water, her foodstuff ruined.

- We awake to the sound of thick slices of bread being sawed off a large crusty loaf, to be served with cheese, butter, and possibly a piece of meat.

- A seven- or eight-year-old worships, repeating, "Ameen Jesus, Ameen Jesus."

- The morning air is broken by the sounds of the sheep as they are led by the shepherd over the hillsides.

- Clip-clop, clip-clop is an everyday sound as the horses pull the loaded wagons in a typical day's work.

- "The family is important," a young mother says, as she smiles with her children around her.

- Guitars, violins, accordions, skillfully played and offered in praise as the teenagers sing in the worship services which often last three hours or more.

These are the sights and sounds of Romania, an eastern European country just 10 years freed from communism. This is the country that God has laid on my heart, and finds its place in my prayers, and prompts tears when the thoughts of these precious people cross my mind. It was three years ago that God placed this desire in my heart to help the Romanian people.

Greenville First P.H. Church, which I pastor, caught the vision of reaching out and giving so that those in Romania might hear the Gospel. In October of 1996 I was privileged and honored to go to Romania with the World Missions Church Planting Project. The small town of Ocna Mures was headquarters as I worked with Pastor Tibi Fozstu. While there on a Friday night I spoke in a small community building in the village of Ciste De Mures. It was that night the deacon from the orthodox church wanted to close the meeting down because a gypsy man wanted to attend. But it was also that night that this gypsy man found Jesus as his Savior. Today he still worships and serves Jesus and shares rich testimony to His grace. The following two nights' crusade services were held in the culture house of the village of Nosloc. In these services hours of music, testimony, and poems preceded the proclamation of Jesus' love. In the Sunday night service, 45 of the 60 in attendance came to know Jesus Christ. We committed Pastor Tibi and those who had been saved to the hand of Christ and the protection of the Holy Sprit as we returned to America. Today, two-and-a-half years later, the church is moving forward. It has its own facilities just two miles from the culture house of Nosloc in the adjoining village of Copland.

Three weeks ago my wife Sandy and I were privileged and honored to visit them and encourage their hearts in the Lord. While the service was conducted by oil lamp because the electricity was out in the village, the presence of God was real and strong as we worshiped together and as we ministered to those who had special needs. On the following day my wife and I traveled to the northeast corner of Romania to the town of Botosani to work with Pastor Liviu Avasiloai. We were able to minister on Friday evening and Sunday morning in his home church to a group of precious Christians. On Saturday and Sunday evenings we went with him to the village of Virfu Cimpului. Here a new church is being planted and we were able to encourage 12 Christians who are meeting in the home of the vice-mayor of the village.

To visit Romania is to "step back in time." But their spiritual needs are the same as ours and can only be met by a risen Lord. Help us pray for these wonderful people in Romania, who have such hungry hearts for Jesus and who respond so readily when told of Jesus' love. Every pastor and church should prayerfully consider participating in this mission outreach. It has been a great blessing for Greenville First to be a part of what touches God's heart so deeply.

–David and Sandy Wood
Pastor of Greenville First P.H. Church

SPECIAL REPORT

The N.C. Conference Missions Homes are in need of some help. We began the World Evangelism Rallies with the Missions Homes' account $400 in the red. The offering during the rallies will go to the support of the homes. The Conference has two World Missions Homes; the Mollie Culbreth Missions Home in Falcon and the Jackie Wilson Missions Home in Clinton. Funds in the account go for the total upkeep of the Culbreth Home and occasional utility cost (in between missionaries) of the Wilson Home. A minimum of $2,500 is needed for general operating.

In addition to the general operating funds $1,000 is needed at the Culbreth Home to build a storage building. $2,000 to $3,000 is needed to refurbish the kitchen cabinets.

Missionaries are able to live in the homes rent-free. They are required to pay their utility costs. This is such a great blessing to the missonaries.

Funds that go to the support of the homes are credited to World Missions giving. Funds may be sent to Falcon and labeled "Conference Missions Homes."

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"Women designed by God for Mission 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

The focus of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church for this year is VISION FOR THE MISSION. In keeping with the theme, NCWM leadership has been examining the true purpose of our existence. We recognize that in order to meet the needs of the future, we must look ahead. In considering our purpose, we have studied the goals of Women's Ministries as outlined in the WM Leadership Manual.

Those goals state that we are to assist each individual woman, as well as each local ministry group in improving relationships with God, building Christian homes, discovering and developing ministry gifts, ministering to the body of Christ, prioritizing time, enhancing interpersonal relationships, sharing & sending the Light, serving the community, and financing ministries.

In keeping with these goals (which is the mission of Women's Ministries), we have developed the following vision statement:

Through study of God's Word, prayer, training and fellowship, North Carolina Women's Ministries will be an organization that welcomes and nurtures women of diverse cultures and implements varied methods of ministering in the homes, the churches, and the communities in which they live and serve.

If we are to fulfill the goals of Women's ministries, we must take off our blinders and look beyond ourselves. We must be willing to expand our vision to include our sisters of various races and ethnic backgrounds. We must be open to varied styles of worship and ministry. In no way are we ever to compromise God's Word, but we must get beyond the shell of self and welcome opportunities to grow.

Janice, Patsy, Phyllis, Meshelder and I, as your board, have spent much prayer, time and thought in where God is leading us as NCWM. We truly feel that we must open our minds, our hearts and our arms if we intend to fulfill not only our goals but the great commission.

Will you be a part of this vision? Will you be enrolled on the local level to reach out to those women who are being rejected by others? Will you seek to understand them? Will you be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to new and exciting avenues of worship and ministry?

"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

—Habbakuk 2:1-3

ST. PAUL CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE...

Throughout this nation, women are aching in their hearts and souls. Marriages grow cold, rebellious children, financial struggles and everyday circumstances are leading many women down the path of depression. Many times, this despair grieves their souls to the point that, even though they may know Christ, they see no light... no way out.

On Saturday, January 23, 1999, at St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church in Greenville, the Holy Spirit used Evangelist Deborah Williams Riley to preach a powerful soul-searching message on "Refusing Comfort."

One Greenville woman said that she was desperate. After giving birth to her third child, she fell into a deep mental state of depression. Her words were, "I could not reach God." She continued, "God healed me that day at the altar. Through Deborah's message, God revealed to me that he is my Comfort and Peace."

St. Paul's pastor, Rev. Allen Mayo, said, "Watching women from all over Greenville and surrounding communities freely surrender themselves to the moving of the Holy Spirit was an awesome sight." From the moment Praise and Worship began until the last woman was ministered to at the altar, God's powerful presence was real. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Deborah Riley was used of God to release deliverance and prophetic words into the lives of women. She reminded them once again of Jesus' words in Luke 4:18, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor...heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."*

That day, many women were reminded that God is our light ... our way out! If you would like her services, she may be reached at (918) 446-7090.

—Submitted by Christie Wallace
St. Paul Women's Ministries Reporter

VIRGINIA BEACH RETREAT

Women from all over the North Carolina Conference gathered at Founder's Inn for the NCWM Retreat on the weekend of March 19 and 20. These were women of all ages (from teens to the eighties), women from various cultural backgrounds, and women with various ideals. The program was designed to meet the needs of this group in that there was a variety of music and ministry. From southern gospel music to more contemporary praise and worship ... some enjoyed one and others enjoyed the other. Many enjoyed both. From the very down-to-earth ministry of Sue Dodge to the enthusiastic and rousing style of Dr. Elaine Waller, the Word of God was powerfully delivered. It was a special joy to have IPHC General Women's Ministries Executive Director, our own Mary Belle Johnson, bring the Saturday morning devotion. The fellowship and worship of the retreat was certainly in keeping with the theme ... HEARTS OF PRAISE.

Eastside WM ladies pose with Sue Dodge, featured vocalist and speaker.

Dr. Elaine Waller delivers a powerful message on "Keeping Your Song"

TRUST IN THE LORD

The story is told of two traveling angels who stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead, they were given a space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel simply replied, "Things aren't always as they seem."

The next night, the pair of angels came to rest at the home of a very poor, but very hospitable, farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed so they could get a good night's rest. When the sun came up the next morning, the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field.

Mary Belle Johnson's devotion reminds us that Jesus knows us by name.

The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel, "How could you have let this happen? The wealthy man had everything, yet you helped him. This family has so little, but they were willing to share everything. Why did you let their cow die?" "Things aren't always as they seem," replied the older angel. "When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it. Then last night, as we slept in the farmer's bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave her the cow instead."

Sometimes this is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way we feel they should. We must have faith in God and trust that every outcome is always to our advantage even though we may not realize it until much later. Things aren't always as they seem.

—Submitted by Patsy Payne
Fayetteville District WM Director

Harvest Outreach Ministries Praise Team leads in time of praise and worship.

A VISION FOR THE MISSION

May we focus on this our theme for 1999
With a prayerful heart and a willing mind,
In answer to our Lord's command,
"Go ye into the world, reach all mankind."

Will you be content to follow another
Hoping she has a sure course in mind,
Or shall we each seek a vision of service
And bring glory to God as our services combine?
God calls each of us in such a time as this
When the warfare of Satan is great.
He knows how to equip His laborers;
Be still and listen; watch and wait.

Is a shadow obscuring your vision?
God would say, "Be patient, Child of mine."
If we focus our sight on the mark of His presence,
Direction and guidance we're sure to find.

Lord, You have our lives in Your keeping,
Capture our thoughts and our energies too,
Instruct our minds, sustain Your will,
Through women with a vision ministering for You.

Can you hear Christ asking:
If not now, when?
If not here, where?
If not you, who?
What will your answer be?

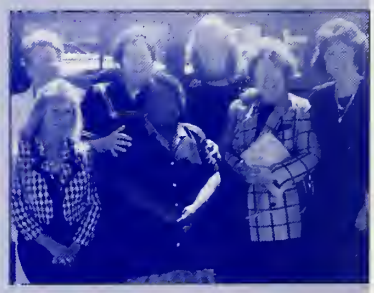
Mrs. Eula Peele of the Ayden WM wrote this poem and shared it during their WM Day service.

Patsy Payne is very busy promoting Women's Ministries in the Fayetteville District as the District Director. Pictured are some of the events she has been a part of recently.

Culbreth Memorial WM Harvest Sale

Barbara Lancaster poses with a fund-raiser quilt

Oak Ridge pastor's wife, Vickie Hayes, shows off their beautifully decorated Chrismon Tree. The ornaments were made by the church ladies and all have a religious meaning.


Eastside WM ladies travel to Virginia Beach for the 1999 NCWM Retreat.

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

Greetings!

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz,
Wonder where all the flowers is?

That little couplet is not good grammar, but it's the way I am feeling these days. Spring fever has got hold of me, but good! But, spring fever or no, the work of the kingdom goes on. Things are happening - a few reminders might be in order!

Easter Emphasis Offering. If your church has not yet sent in your Easter offering, please do so at once. These funds are sent directly to the General CEM Department in Oklahoma City to help with projects and needs there. This is the only special request for funds the General Department is authorized to make during the year, so please do your part.

Army of the Awakened training camp is the 21st and 22nd of this month. It is not too late for a young person to enroll. Application forms may be obtained from the Conference CEM office, but they have already been mailed to each church.

Youth Leader's Retreat is one week later, the 28th and 29th. This is for all who are involved in Youth Ministry on the local level - Youth Pastors, workers, CE Directors, whether full-time, part-time, or volunteer. Again, information has already been sent to each church, but you may obtain a form by calling the CEM office.

Falcon Youth Camps will soon be upon us! All children and youth are encouraged to make plans now to be a part of what God is doing. First week begins June 13.

Karl Bunkley Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award. Remember to send us your church's Teacher of the Year so that he or she can be considered for the Conference award. You have until June 15, 1999, to nominate your choice. You should already have received all necessary information in the mail from the General Department.

JLTC /JTT/JCE. Junior Leadership Training Camp, Junior Training Trail, and Junior Canoe Expedition are being held simultaneously this year on June 10th through 12th. Your Senior Commander has all information.

Royal Rangers National Camporama is being held in our Conference at Camp Bowers during the week of July 12th through 17th. This is a ***BIG*** event! Please make arrangements for your boys to attend.

Falcon Camp Meeting is July 18th through 25th. Again, we will have a special Youth Emphasis Service on Saturday, July 24. We will be honoring our Conference "Teacher of the Year" at that service.

Youth Quest/National Talent/Bible Quiz take place at Ridgecrest on July 26th through 29th. This year it is going to be spectacular! Don't let your youth miss the event that everyone will be talking about for months to come.

As you can see, there is quite a full Spring and Summer ahead of us. But, hey - like the man said, "I'd rather burn out than rust out any day!"

On a much sadder note, the Church Education Ministries Department lost two giants in the last quarter. Faye Downing Vivarette and Terry Mel Barts both died suddenly, sending shock waves through all who served with them over the years in Youth Camp. As both were memorialized in the April *Evangel*, I will let it be sufficient to say that both "Mama Faye" and "Pastor Terry" will be missed by all who knew them - including this Director. Finally, let us close with a tribute to a young man, Gary Vann II.

On Easter Sunday, Gary left his Sunday school class not feeling well, and fell into a coma a few yards away. On Easter Monday, at the age of 15, he moved from this earth to heaven. Gary was very involved in the ministries of his local church and those of the Conference, and a well rounded, academically gifted, and sports oriented youth. His stable Christian background was begun at his birth in Alaska, continued when his family moved to Florida and as they settled in Sampson County in 1993, his father's roots.

His sudden death saddened all who knew and loved him, but his life is a source of encouragement. It is always tragic when one dies so young, but there is comfort in knowing that he was a "child of the King."

The following was written by his peers, the youth of the Peniel Church. "In a word we would describe you as an inspiration, one who could touch hearts and make a difference in lives. Never has anyone met you and then forgotten you. That was just the effect you had. To say we will miss your physical presence is a huge understatement, yet your spirit will rise above our hurt and be carried on by the youth. That is the promise you have. We know you are in heaven singing and playing your trumpet with the angels. Wait patiently for us. We will be together again one day. You will always be loved and missed as a best friend and brother."

Youth Leaders Retreat

Friday and Saturday, May 28th and 29th
Falcon, North Carolina
Cafeteria/Training Center
Guest Speaker - Erik Lawson

This retreat is for anyone who works with youth in your church. This will be an excellent opportunity to get together and discuss what works and what doesn't - what's hot and what's not! This will be time and money well invested. For more information, call Rev. Charles Boyd, Conference Assistant CEM Director, either by calling 919-772-5919 or by e-mail at CWB715@USA. Net.

Schedule of Activities

Friday, May 28th
7:30 p.m. - Registration and Networking
8:00 p.m. - Session 1 with Erik Lawson
10:00 p.m. - Networking
11:00 p.m. - Late Night Fun

Saturday, May 29th
8:30 a.m. - Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Session II with Erik Lawson
10:30 a.m. - Break (Check Out Displays)
11:00 a.m. - Session III with Erik Lawson
12:30 p.m. - Lunch
1:30 p.m. - Question and Answer Session
(Leave at Your Own Leisure)

Cost: $35 per person or $50 per husband/wife, including late night pizza, breakfast, lunch, accommodations in the blue dorm, and all materials. Please bring sheets, towels, and toiletries.

(To register - Detach here and return lower portion with payment to CEM Office, P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342)

Please register me/us for the Youth Leaders Retreat on May 28th and 29th!

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Father's Day

June 20, 1999

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

One-Hundredth 1900-1999 Anniversary

1999 FALCON CAMP MEETING

JULY 18 - 25, 1999
CULBRETH AUDITORIUM
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 18
6:30 p.m. — Rev. Bob Ely

Monday, July 19
9:30 a.m. — Rev. Bob Ely
11:00 a.m. — Dr. Vinson Synan
6:30 p.m. — Choir practice
7:30 p.m. — Bishop James D. Leggett

Tuesday, July 20
9:30 a.m. — Bishop James D. Leggett
11:00 a.m. — Dr. Vinson Synan
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. — Rev. Bob Ely

Wednesday, July 21
9:30 a.m. — Rev. Bob Ely
11:00 a.m. — Dr. Vinson Synan
12:30 p.m. — Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. — Bishop James D. Leggett

Thursday, July 22
9:30 a.m. — Bishop James D. Leggett
11:00 a.m. — Dr. Vinson Synan
12:30 p.m. — Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. — Rev. Bob Ely

Friday, July 23
9:00 a.m. — Conference Session
Bishop James D. Leggett,
Presiding Officer
2:00 p.m. — Memorial Service
4:30 a.m. — Ministers' Wives Fellowship
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. — Bishop James D. Leggett

Saturday, July 24
9:30 a.m. — Bishop James D. Leggett
11:00 a.m. — Dr. Vinson Synan
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. — Youth Emphasis
Director David Wheeler
Message: Rev. Bob Ely

Sunday, July 25
10:00 a.m. — Rev. Bob Ely
2:30 p.m. — Singspiration
Rev. Ray Faircloth
4:00 p.m. — Centennial Celebration Reception
5:00 p.m. — World Evangelism Emphasis
Director Chris Thompson
Message: Bishop James D. Leggett

– Special Note –

Continuing Education Units will be awarded to ministers who attend the 9:30A.M. and 11:00A.M. classes and promotional conference. A minimum of one credit will be offered for each session.

The 9:30 a.m. service will be in the Octagon Tabernacle.

ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE J.A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Bishop James D. Leggett

Presiding Officer, Conference Session
Friday, July 23, 1999

Bishop James D. Leggett, a native of Williamston, NC, has been credentialed with the North Carolina Conference since 1957. He was schooled at Holmes Bible College and Pembroke State University.

He served pastorates in Pinetown, Swanquarter, Pembroke and Falcon, N.C., from 1962 to 1986. Bishop Leggett served the N.C. Conference on the Christian Education and Conference Boards. He was elected Superintendent of the Conference in 1986 and continued in this role until August of 1989, when he was elected to serve the denomination as an Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director of Evangelism USA. He became Vice-Chairman of the denomination in 1993 and General Superintendent in 1997.

Bishop Leggett and his wife, Faye, live in Oklahoma City, OK.

Rev. Bob Ely

President of Southwestern College of Christian Ministries

Rev. Bob Ely is currently serving as President of Southwestern College of Christian Ministries in Oklahoma City. Prior to assuming that position on June 6, 1998, he was a general evangelist of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church for twelve years. During that time he traveled approximately thirty to forty weeks per year across the United States conducting revivals in local churches and speaking at camp meetings and Bible Conferences.

Rev. Bob Ely has served in several official positions in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, including member of the General Board of Administration, member of the General Executive Board, Conference Superintendent of the West Oklahoma Conference, Conference Christian Education Director, member of the General Evangelism USA Board, President of the National Association of Pentecostal Holiness Evangelists, and as a local pastor in Apache, Oklahoma, and Norman, Oklahoma.

He and his wife, Edith, now reside in Oklahoma City, OK.

Dr. Vinson Synan

Dr. Vinson Synan lives in Chesapeake, VA, with his wife, Carol. He has earned a B.A. from the University of Richmond, VA, from the University of Georgia, and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. Dr. Synan has authored twelve books including one of our favorites, ***The Old-Time Power: History of the Pentecostal Holiness Church***. He is a lifetime participant in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He received his ordination in 1954 in the Eastern Virginia Conference. He served pastorates in Fredericksburg, VA, Arlington, VA, Richmond VA, and Hartwell, GA. Dr. Synan also served at Emmanuel College, Oklahoma City Southwestern College, was acting president of Oklahoma City Southwestern College, professor of Pentecostal/Charismatic History at Oral Roberts University, Director for the Holy Spirit Research Center at ORU, and Dean of the School of Divinity, Regent University.

His denominational leadership positions have been General Secretary, Assistant General Superintendent, and Director of Evangelism.

Camp Meeting Manager

Superintendent T. Elwood Long

Falcon Camp Meeting is apparently the oldest continuous Pentecostal Camp Meeting. It began in the fires of the Holiness revival in 1900.

The Camp Meeting is managed by the Superintendent and the N.C. Conference Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Camp Meeting is supported and financed by the Falcon Camp Meeting Association. Presently the campus is undergoing a major renovation. Contributions to this endeavor are urgently needed.

Anyone may join the Camp Meeting Association by completing an envelope at the Camp Meeting or mailing their name and address and $5.00 dues to Falcon Camp Meeting Association, P.O. Box 59, Falcon, NC 28342-0059.

— Special Events —

****NC Conference Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon** The Evangelism Ministries and Director Thompson will be hosting a luncheon for the full time evangelists and NAPHE members on Wednesday.

****Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon** will be hosted by Superintendent Long and the Conference Board at lunch on Thursday. Special honorees will be the 1999 retirees. Rev. J. Doner Lee is the president of these Royal Elders.

****Falcon Children's Home Emphasis** - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. The Children's Home will be furnishing the special music.

****Memorial Service** for the Camp Meeting Association will be held in conjunction with the Conference Session on Friday at 2:00 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Chris Thompson will be in charge.

****Ministers' Wives Fellowship Banquet** - will meet in the Conference Cafeteria Private Dining Room. Registration begins at 4:30 with the meal to follow at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Sylvia Long, MWF Director, is in charge of this meeting.

****Youth Emphasis** - for the Camp Meeting will be Saturday evening, 7:30 p.m. Conference Christian Education Ministries Director David Wheeler will be in charge.

****Singspiration** - Sunday afternoon, 2:30 p.m. Music Director Ray Faircloth will be in charge.

****Campmeeting Centennial Reception - Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.**

****World Evangelism Emphasis** - Sunday night, 5:00 p.m. The annual Global Outreach Offering from the churches will be celebrated. A goal of $210,000.00 has been prayerfully set. World Missions Director Chris Thompson will be in charge.

Meals

Meals will be available on campus in the new cafeteria. The canteen will be open after the evening services. Special picnic facilities will be available for Sunday, July 25. We encourage participation.

Music Director
Rev. Ray Faircloth

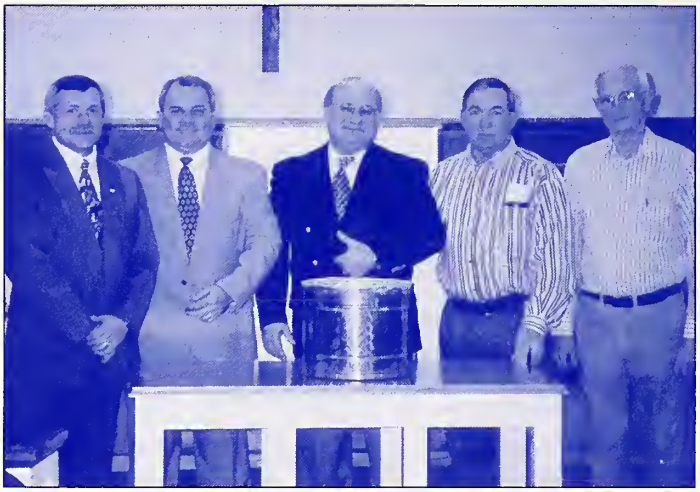
Pastor - St. Pauls First
St. Pauls, N.C.

Other Camp Meeting Personnel

Campus Assistants – NC Conference Board
Pianist – Anne Tolar
Organist – David Robertson

CHURCH NEWS

MIDWAY CELEBRATES WITH NOTE BURNING



Midway Pentecostal Holiness Church of Erwin, NC, had a special celebration to end the year of 1998. On December 31 at the Watch Night Service the congregation praised God for His many blessings and for helping them to completely pay off the mortgage to their church. The congregation had made larger payments each month, which allowed them to be debt-free in less than six years.

The service was conducted by Pastor Randy Anderson, former pastor Rev. Jimmy Barnhill and Superintendent of the NC Pentecostal Holiness Conference, Rev. T. Elwood Long. Rev. Barnhill, who was pastor during the building project, shared some of the church history with the congregation. Rev. Long, Pastor Anderson and the Deacon Board of Midway were part of the note-burning ceremony. As the mortgage note was burned the Midway church family praised God of His faithfulness to them. The service included special singing by various church members and an inspiring message by Rev. Long. The service concluded about midnight with the congregation joining together in a prayer of commitment and dedication for 1999.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You are cordially invited to join us
in the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary
of our parents and grandparents,
John and Edna Parker.

TIME – Saturday, June 26, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
PLACE – Gospel Tabernacle, Dunn, NC

A brief ceremony of introduction and presentation
will take place at the beginning of the festivities.
We will be honored to have you present.

David, Irvina, Ryan, and Jennifer Parker

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Rev. John Slye ..... **June 9**

Rev. Haywood Price ..... **June 11**

Rev. Lalleon Narron ..... **June 29**

Rev. Marvin Whitfield ..... **June 29**

IN MEMORY OF MY MENTOR, MY FRIEND AND MY DAD

My dad preached the Word of our Lord, as an evangelist and pastor, in the North Carolina Pentecostal Holiness Church for over 49 years. He was forever firm in his belief, and flowing in his anointing, and proud to be who he was and what he was.

Some of you knew him by his given name, Everette. Others only as Brother Eatmon. But many more knew him as a friend. To me, he was everything that a father is supposed to be. He was my mentor, my teacher, my preacher and my best friend.

Through the grace of our Lord, I have never known any other way of life than that of a preacher's son. Through that grace, and by my dad's example, I have been blessed to be a pastor also for these past eight and a half years. I have always tried to put into action what my father so diligently taught me.

Due to his poor health, my dad had to retire from full-time ministry in June of 1972. I know that at that time, he felt as though a part of himself had died. But through the grace of our Lord, many of you called upon him to preach revivals from time to time. He was even called upon to be the interim pastor at Alert and Warrenton. At the passing of his brother, Leland, he was asked to be the interim pastor for Thomas Chapel.

My dad possessed a great knowledge of the Bible, and was always willing and eager to share that knowledge, and his faith, with others. This past October, he confided to me the following: "When I can do no more for the Lord, and can no longer preach His Word, I want to go home." Although he is now with the Lord, his spirit lives on in all the many lives that he touched.

He left behind a large and loving family, his wife Grace, three sons and a daughter, and six grandchildren. He also left behind a very large extended family – everyone who ever heard him preach the Word.

Our conference and camp meetings will never be quite the same for me without his physical presence. But I draw great comfort and joy in the knowledge that while we praise the Lord here on earth, my dad is in His presence.

One of my dad's favorite gospel hymns was, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." On December 14, 1998, that hymn became a reality. The Great Deceiver, Satan, got no victory from my dad's death. My dad died in victory for the Lord. Every spiritual goal he had set, he accomplished through God's everlasting mercy. I can hear my dad now, saying "Make yourself ready, none of us know when we will leave this world. Jesus could at any time step over the crystal pavilion of Heaven and shout, 'Come, enter into the joy of the Lord!' "

Dad, although you are physically gone, you will never be forgotten.

Yours in His obedient service,
Reverend Dale Eatmon

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

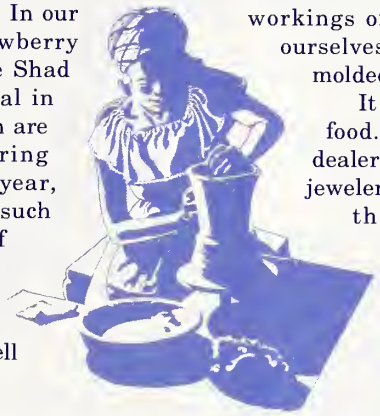
North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Summertime brings opportunities for many various activities, one of which is festival celebrations. In our little town of Vanceboro, we have the Strawberry Festival. In a neighboring town, Grifton, the Shad Festival is the big event. The Collard Festival in Ayden and the Blueberry Festival in Bridgeton are also days of fun and festivity in neighboring communities. One we especially enjoy each year, also, is the Croaker Festival in Oriental. At such happenings as these, there is a parade, lots of good food, crafts and vendors.



At several such festivals I have been intrigued by the work of a local potter. He not only sets up a craft booth from which to sell his handiwork; he also has his potter's wheel assembled and demonstrates how his products are made. I have found myself standing for extended periods of time just watching his every move. It is interesting to watch how he begins with a lump of ugly clay and transforms it into a beautiful work of art.

"But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hands." Isaiah 64:8

I have noted the patience and persistence he demonstrates as he works. As his foot moves the pedal to keep the wheel turning, his hands are busily shaping the clay into the form he visualizes as the end product. His eyes are fixed steadfastly on the piece of work in his hands. He gently smoothes the rough edges that form, causing them to disappear. If a piece does not meet his expectations, he reshapes and reworks it. It is quite an interesting process, to say the least.

I believe the potter, from the beginning, must be able to visualize a beautiful and interesting piece of artwork. Yet, he knows the end result is going to be determined by the way he handles the clay. He knows that he must keep the clay moist — but not so wet that its consistency is disturbed. He knows just when to move his fingers with a certain pressure to create the shape he desires. That is why he takes great care not to rush the process. Instead, he concentrates on his every move and with tender touches molds the clay slowly and carefully. Even though he uses the same procedures, every piece is slightly different with its own personality.

As I have watched this potter, I can't help but better understand Isaiah 64:8: "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

God is so patient with us. He knows how to touch us in just the right ways to mold us into beautiful vessels of honor unto Him. He saw us in our mother's wombs and knows our potentials, and He gently and lovingly shapes us each day. He has a way of smoothing out our rough places. Sometimes the pressure of His hand seems heavy, but it is not without purpose. The hardest places in our lives are often the times that truly build our character. Yet, we will never be the perfected work of art He intends us to be until we are glorified unto Him. He continues to rework and reshape us through the daily workings of our lives. As we are yielded to him and give ourselves fully to the control of His hands, we are being molded in His likeness. What a great work of art!

It is fun to visit with the crowds and eat the good food. It is neat to examine the wares in the antique dealer's booth, study the artist's display, and admire the jeweler's showcase. Yet, the real blessing comes in what the Lord speaks to my heart when I view my everyday experiences with the spiritual eye. Even at the summer festivals!

TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

Fifty years ago, in January, a beautiful baby girl was placed lovingly on this earth. She grew from infancy through childhood knowing the presence of a Heavenly Father. As an adult, she dedicated her life to Jesus Christ and has been a devoted servant in His kingdom. Her name is Betty Jean Hjortness.

Betty Jean is not only a dedicated church member at St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church, but she is also a devoted Women's Ministries member as well. She serves without hesitation in any capacity in which she is needed. She has served faithfully for many years as the WM secretary-treasurer.

It has been said that every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it. undoubtedly, Betty Jean is a masterpiece created by our Heavenly Father. In spite of her physical limitations, she gives freely and cheerfully of her time, energy and love. There are times when her body is so weak and her spirits so low, but she perseveres believing that God is always with her. Her favorite verse, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13) is truly a testimony in her life.

Betty Jean Hjortness pictured with her husband, Chuck, at her January birthday celebration.

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In previous years, Betty Jean was an invaluable asset to the church choir, and the joy of singing God's praises was evident on her face. We pray fervently that God will restore her health and she again will be able to grace our choir with her smiling face and voice of praise.

Not only is Betty Jean devoted to her church, but she is also devoted to her family, friends and community. She is always a blessing to everyone she encounters. She believes in God's unlimited power and never hesitates to express it. She touches the lives of many people in a positive and powerful way. Her faith is amazing and unchanging.

It has been said that we should be a light for other people. We should live so that others will see God in us. Betty Jean Hjortness is just that ... an inspiration and a blessing to everyone around her. We pray that her body will be strengthened and that her light will shine more brightly than ever! We love you, Betty!!!

– St. John Women's Ministries

(This was written by Vickie Sanderson and was read at St. John P.H. Church for the WM Day Service in March. It was submitted by Justine Lee, Goldsboro District WM Director.)

"SHARING SISTERS ALERT"

"Calling all sharing sisters!"
"Calling all sharing sisters!"
The time has arrived to make plans
to enjoy a great time of fellowship.
June is Sharing Sister month.
Opportunities pass quickly...
ACT NOW!!!

Why not plan a Saturday luncheon for your Sharing Sister group? Keep it simple! Here's a great salad recipe to use.

WHITE SALAD

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained
1 cup sugar
2 to 3 oz. box lemon gelatin
1 cups ice cold water
1 cup chopped pecans
2 cups grated mild cheddar cheese
1 8-oz. carton whipped topping

Pour pineapple and juice in pan with sugar. Cook about 5 minutes. Pour onto dry gelatin and mix well. Add cold water, mix, and let chill until it begins to thicken. Add nuts, cheese, and whipped topping. Stir until well-blended. Put in refrigerator to gel. Serve in squares on lettuce.

PROGRAM IDEA...

Does your WM need a boost? This program idea might appeal to you. FIRST PLACE is a Christ-centered health program, fitting into the SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS MINISTRIES area of Women's Ministries. The program consists of group meetings once a week for 12 weeks. The meetings include food planning, behavior modification, class participation, discussion, Bible study and prayer. If you are interested in this program, you may call Jane Potter of Gospel Tabernacle Women's Ministries in Dunn, NC, at 910-892-0532. Brochures are available by calling 1-800-727-5223.

AN RX FOR BEAUTY ...

No one who has tried this prescription for beauty has ever found it to fail.

FUND-RAISER IDEA...

COOKBOOKS BY MORRIS PRESS invites you to publish your own personalized cookbook. For complete information, call 1-800-445-6621.

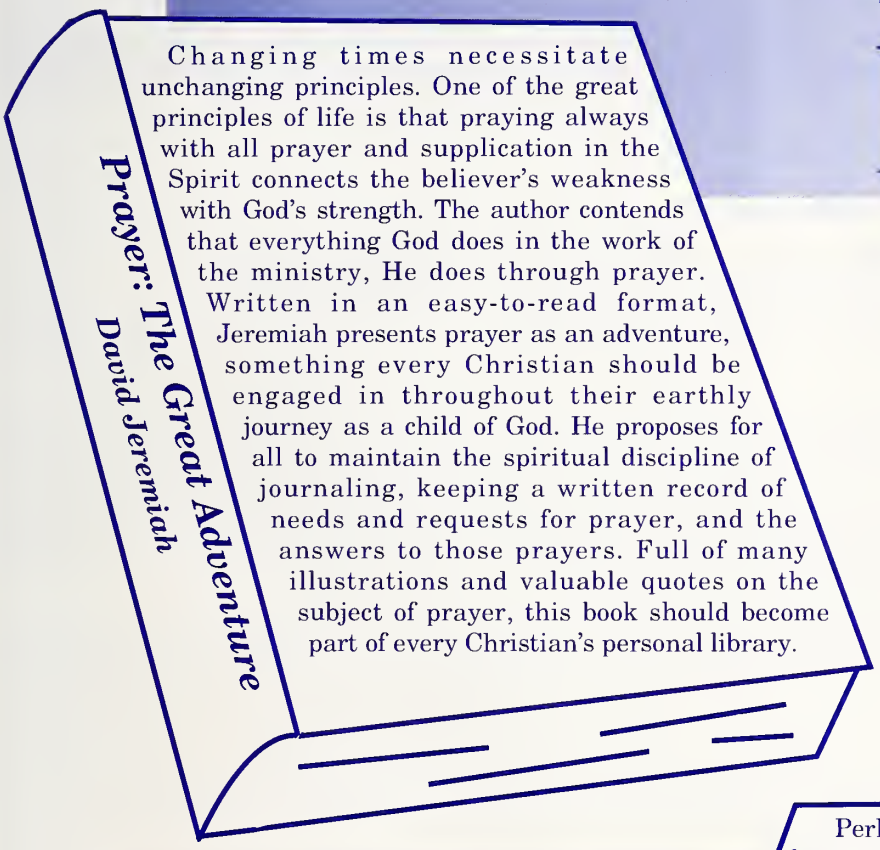
CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to the following local WM groups and their local directors for having an increase in enrollment reported on the First Quarter 1999 reports:

Garland – Louise Spell
St. Matthew – Kay Martin
Tyndall Grove – Denise Bass
Kenly – Pam Thornton
Pikes Crossroads – Judy Taylor
St. John – Vickey Sanderson
Greenville First – Betty leRoux
St. Paul – Clara Williams
Elizabethtown – Julia Woodburn
Lumberton First – Lois Stone
St. Pauls First – Mary L. Flowers
Holly Hill – Joy Bowers
New Bern First – Reba Canady
Lowland – Marie Lewis
Emmanuel – Eva Waters
The Capital – Diane Blalock
Roanoke Rapids First – Linda Borrell
Hamilton – Betty Squires
Wilmington First – Margaret Berry
Stantonsburg – Patsy Hill
Wilson First – Janice Bass

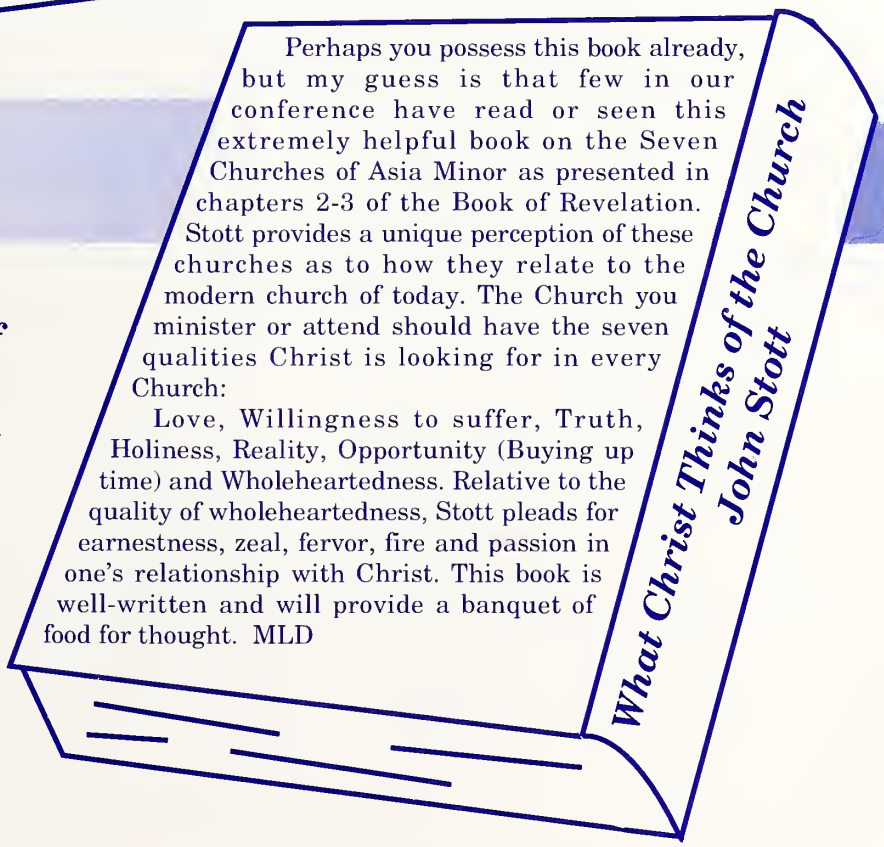
By Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis

Prayer: The Great Adventure. By David Jeremiah. Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Publishers, 1997. 263 pp. $18.99 ($12.99 paperback)



Changing times necessitate unchanging principles. One of the great principles of life is that praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit connects the believer's weakness with God's strength. The author contends that everything God does in the work of the ministry, He does through prayer. Written in an easy-to-read format, Jeremiah presents prayer as an adventure, something every Christian should be engaged in throughout their earthly journey as a child of God. He proposes for all to maintain the spiritual discipline of journaling, keeping a written record of needs and requests for prayer, and the answers to those prayers. Full of many illustrations and valuable quotes on the subject of prayer, this book should become part of every Christian's personal library.

What Christ Thinks of the Church. By John Stott. Wheaton, Illinois: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1990. 127 pp. $14.99



Perhaps you possess this book already, but my guess is that few in our conference have read or seen this extremely helpful book on the Seven Churches of Asia Minor as presented in chapters 2-3 of the Book of Revelation. Stott provides a unique perception of these churches as to how they relate to the modern church of today. The Church you minister or attend should have the seven qualities Christ is looking for in every Church:

Love, Willingness to suffer, Truth, Holiness, Reality, Opportunity (Buying up time) and Wholeheartedness. Relative to the quality of wholeheartedness, Stott pleads for earnestness, zeal, fervor, fire and passion in one's relationship with Christ. This book is well-written and will provide a banquet of food for thought. MLD

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Mark Your Calendar

- June 13 . . . . . .**Laymen's Sunday**
- July . . . . . .Men's Ministries **Men of Action Month**
- August . . . . . .Men's Ministries **Friendship Evangelism Month**
- August 13-14 . . . . . .**Promise Keepers** - Charlotte

Men Of Action – Men of Action is a bold, challenging, adventuresome, outreach ministry. It is the vehicle through which laymen reach out in ministry to the local community, state, nation, and world in response to the call for help in times of crisis, disaster, or great need. Men of Action will help meet those calls for help with physical, spiritual, and financial support.

The Men of Action Men's Training Series will provide detailed instructions on the following:

1. How to organize a local Men of Action ministry
2. Types of projects:
   - Build and repair – church and church facilities
   - Local projects – to assist those in need
   - Special stewardship – sacrificial giving of our finances
   - Disaster Relief – as part of the Disaster Relief, USA
   - Habitat for Humanity – a Christian-based outreach
3. Choosing a project
4. Fight steps on "How to Conduct a Men of Action Project."

Each local chapter should commit to accomplish at least one Men of Action project a year. Don't forget to have your chapter report this in their chapter annual report.

Wanted – A Few Good Men! – The Royal Rangers' Camporama, July 13-17, at Camp Bowers, North Carolina, is looking for a few good men from your chapter to help in several specific areas.

- Provide manpower to help with "labor," specifically in the kitchen and serving food, beginning the morning of the 14th through the evening meal on the 16th.
- Men for the canteen
- Donate cold drinks and candy
- Help with Camporama patches (5,000 at $1.00 each)
- Accommodations and meals are provided to the men who volunteer.

If you can help, contact Andre Davenport at 919-266-6641.

Resurrection Breakfast – Gospel Tabernacle PHC in Dunn held its annual Resurrection Breakfast on April 3rd. With over 220 in attendance, the speaker was Major General Jerry Boykin, Commanding General of the United States Army Special Forces...the Green Berets. His testimony touched every person...people felt lifted up, encouraged and excited to know that our Lord and Savior has his servants at the top echelons of the US military. It was a blessing to listen to a true American hero share about men and battles and how Jesus is always in control. Chapter Vice-President Bob Lowery said two things he will always have in his memory: First, the General opened by describing himself as just a private in God's army, and secondly, the General closed by singing the song "The Anchor Holds."

NOTE: Now is a good time to start planning what your chapter will do for next year's Resurrection Breakfast! Call our office at 323-4777 if you need more information!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Brother John Parker and I are very busy with our Hispanic churches. The Lord has done a very special work in this area. Below is an update.

HISPANIC CHURCHES UPDATE
April, 1999

Organized Churches	Pastor	Members	Att.
La Roca, Tarboro	Manuel Castaneda	200	450
Iglesia Genesis Hispanic Santidad Pentecostal	Francisco Concepcion	45	70
Iglesia Evangelica Christiana	Luis Manriquez	45	50
Other Preaching Points			
Gospel Tabernacle	Fernando Angulo	20	50
Greenville First	Luis Avila	20	50
Grace Family Fell.	Manuel Yanges	20	60
Northwood Temple	Aida Santini		40
Church Alive	Luis Rodriquez		25
Kinston First	Guillermo Flores	20	50
Seven Springs	Guillermo Flores		25
Franklinton	Hector Rodriquez		50
Clinton	Luis Rodriquez		20
Eastside	Gabriel Rodriquez		25
Stantonsburg			80
Turkey	Gonzalo Covarrubius		80
Warsaw	Elias Villasenor		20
Morehead City	Luis Avila		20
Snowhill	Luis Avila		20
Faison	Hector Reyes		80
Washington	Joel Castaneda		20
		370	1285

In addition, several other works are starting up. Wallace begins a work on May 9th. God is at work. Some of our Hispanic ministers are starting works in nearby conferences.

MISSIONS HOMES

Praise the Lord! We surpassed the goal. A goal of $2,500.00 was set for special funds for the Missions Homes in the Spring World Evangelism Rallies. Some $2,518.07 was collected. The Lord is good. These funds will be used for general operating.

In addition to the general operating, $1,000.00 is needed at the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home to build a storage building. Two to three thousand is needed to refurbish the kitchen cabinets.

The homes have been a blessing. We presently have two – the Jackie Wilson Home in Clinton and the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home in Falcon.

Following is a wish list for the homes.

"WISH LIST" FOR FALCON MISSIONS HOME
Spring, 1999

1. Plastic containers for food storage
2. Glass serving bowls
3. Set of medium-size drinking glasses
4. Set of kitchen knives
5. Wire whisks (large and small)
6. Crock pot
7. Stir-fry pan
8. Electric sandwich maker
9. Pictures for walls
10. Blankets for twin beds
11. Small desk for master bedroom
12. Dishwasher
13. Non-slip rubber mat for tub
14. Bath mat for ½-bath
15. Outside lights for back of house
16. Storage shelf to fit over toilet in ½-bath
17. Clothes hook for back of doors in closets and bathrooms
18. Waffle iron
19. Sewing kit

20. Small toolbox with household tools (hammer, screwdrivers, etc.)
21. Supply of light bulbs and cleaning supplies each time a new missionary family comes home on furlough
22. Hair dryer to be left in the house
23. Pot holders
24. Gas outdoor grill
25 Good dictionary to be left in the house
26. Kitchen scissors
27. Eating trays
28. Egg cups
29. Egg poaching pan
30. Storage building
31. Re-furbish cabinets

"WISH LIST" FOR CLINTON MISSIONS HOME
Jackie Wilson Memorial Missions Home
Spring, 1999

1. Queen-sized sheets
2. Washcloths
3. Throw pillows for the couch - maroon color
4. Dust cloths
5. Cleaning supplies - bathrooms
6. Sewing kit
7. Tool kit for house
8. Toaster oven
9. Waffle Iron
10. Blender
11. Roasting pan
12. Pizza pan
13. Cake or casserole pan 13 x 9
14. Rocking chair for porch
15. 3-4 bales of pine needles for mulch
16. Pruning shears for shrubs
17. Backboard and rim to replace old basketball goal

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Willard Wagner
Willard had to come home (to Georgia) for several weeks. He has had some breathing problems. He has received treatment. The Lord has blessed him. He and Yvonne will return to the field in May.

Pakistan
One of our pastors, Rev. Ejaz Masih, was killed execution-style by a young Muslim because of the pastor's faith. Pray for his family and Dr. William Johnson who leads our work in Pakistan. Dr. Johnson and his pastors are planting churches right and left – some 300 this year, but persecution is on the increase.

Ryan Jackson
Brother Ryan Jackson, a member of our conference and a student at Cambridge, will be doing a Short-Term Mission in Brussels this summer. He could use some financial help. He needs over $2,000. Ryan is a fine young man. He is from the St. Pauls Church in St. Pauls.

Althea Meyer
Althea is working very diligently to have her support raised by July 18th. She needs help! Pray for her. As the Lord leads, get on board with help for her. She may be reached at Falcon (910) 980-1419. She will work in South Africa and Malawi.

Stefan and Andrea Hall
Stefan and Andrea have transferred to the N.C. Conference. They are doing very well in raising their support to go to Ghana. They need services! They may be reached at Clinton at (910) 592-1327.

Kit Teasdale
Kit and Paulette have been recalled to the United States. Kit has been suspended from World Missions Ministries. Please pray for Kit and Paulette.

Elvio and June Conavesio
Veteran Missionary and Overseas Supervisor, Elvio Conavesio, will retire in June. They have done a fantastic job for World Missions. They will be living in Oklahoma City and part-time in South Carolina. We bless them in Jesus' name! Bob Cave will be taking Elvio's place.

Ron and Sharon Wooten
Ron and Sharon come home on furlough in July. Pray for their safety in travel.

REMEMBER THE "GO" OFFERING

Pastors and Local Missions Directors will receive an appreciation gift if their churches increase by at least $750 in the "GO" Offering. It can be done. Be sure to call the office for "GO" Offering supplies.

Remember, God only had one son and He was a missionary – Romans 5:8

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

TEENS HEADED FOR YOUTHQUEST AS 1999 TALENT/BIBLE QUIZ/ROYAL RANGER CONFERENCE WINNERS

TEEN CONFERENCE WINNERS

Vocal Solo- Female	Tiffany White- Gospel Tabernacle
Vocal Solo- Male	James Nelson- Culbreth Memorial
Vocal Ensemble - Div. I	The First Church Duet- The First
Vocal Ensemble - Div. II	His Harmony- Northwood Temple
Vocal Ensemble - Div. III	Mt. Carmel Teen Choir- Mt. Carmel
Instrumental Solo-Wind	Kevin Smith- Family Life Tabernacle
Instrumental Solo-Strings	Jonathan Johnson- Moores Chapel
Inst. Solo-Definite Pitch, Percussion	Vicki Smith- The Capital
Inst. Solo-Indefinite Pitch, Percussion	Matt Coleman- The Capital
Instrumental Ensemble - Div. I	Youth-In Touch Band- Family Life Tabernacle
Instrumental Ensemble - Div. II	Clinton Instrumental Ensemble- Clinton First
Instrumental Ensemble - Div. III	His Majesty's Best Handbell Choir- Chadbourn
Keyboard Solo	Christopher Smith- Family Life Tabernacle
Communication Arts- Speech:	Samuel Forehand- Gospel Tabernacle
Drama Audible (Individual)	Guy Chapman- Northwood Temple
Drama Audible (two or more)	Light Beam Drama Team- Gospel Tabernacle
Drama Inaudible Mime (2 or more)	Some Drama Team- Greenville First
Drama Inaud. Pantomime w/out vocals (2 or more)	Lifeline Drama Team- The Capital
Drama Inaudible Pantomime w/Vocals (Ind.)	Tiffany Ward- The Capital
Drama Inaudible Pantomime w/Vocals (2 or more)	Lifeline Drama Team- The Capital
Interpretive Dance (individual)	Jenna Pittman- The Capital
Interpretive Dance (2 or more)	Lifeline Drama Team- The Capital
Creative Arts - Painting	Matthew Breeland- Tarboro First
Creative Arts-Graphics	Jody Lassiter- Millennium
Creative Arts -Three-Dimensional	R. Chad Bowie- Wilmington First
Creative Arts - Photography	Jessica Bailey- Tabernacle
Creative Arts - Fabricated	Rebecca Whitman- The First
Creative Writing - Non Fiction	Rebecca Whitman- The First
Creative Writing - Fiction	Memory Dalton- Clinton First
Creative Writing- Poetry	Candace Corbett- Clinton First
Bible Quiz- Division 2	Capital Bible Quiz Team - The Capital
Trailblazer of the Year	Mike Collins - Graham Memorial
Air/Sea/Trail Ranger of the Year	Jonathan Johnson - Moores Chapel

JUNIOR CONFERENCE WINNERS

Vocal Solo - Female	Afton Roof- Grace
Vocal Solo - Male	Michael Bartlett- Peniel
Vocal Ensemble - Div. I	Grace Duet- Grace
Vocal Ensemble - Div. II	Capital Church Jr. Ens.- The Capital
Vocal Ensemble - Div. III	Northwood Temple Jr. Choir-Northwood
Instrumental Solo-Wind	Allison Williams - Northwood Temple
Instrumental Solo- Strings	Tres Tew - Gospel Tabernacle
Inst. Solo-Indefinite Pitch Percussion	Christopher Watts - Chadbourn
Inst. Ensemble - Div. I	Bizzell Grove Jr. Inst. Ens. - Bizzell Grove
Inst. Ensemble - Div. II	Mt. Carmel Jr. Ensemble - Mt. Carmel
Keyboard Solo	John Hinson - Brocks Chapel
Communication Arts - Speech	Erica Leggett - Gospel Tabernacle
Drama - Audible (individual)	Morgan Walston - Northwood Temple
Drama - Audible (2 or more)	Northwood Temple Drama Team- Northwood
Drama - Inaudible Pantomime (Ind. w/out vocals)	Brittany Norton - Stedman
Drama - Inaudible Pantomime (2 or more w/vocals)	Capital Church Jr. Drama Team- The Capital
Drama - Inaudible Pantomime (Ind. w/vocals)	Jessica White- Gospel Tabernacle
Drama - Inaudible Pantomime (2 or more w/vocals)	Northwood Temple Ensemble - Northwood
Interpretive Dance (Individual)	Bridgett Davis - Stedman
Interpretive Dance (2 or more)	Tarboro First Jr. Drama Team - Tarboro First
Creative Arts - Painting	Amanda Ganus - Mt. Camel
Creative Arts - Graphics	Michael Franklin - The Capital
Creative Arts - Photography	Bridgette Davis - Stedman
Creative Writing - Non Fiction	Megan Windle - Family Life Tabernacle
Creative Writing - Fiction	Stephanie Manning - Roper
Creative Writing - Poetry	Allie Fletcher - Pikes Crossroads
Primary Bible Quiz - 6-year olds	James Gentry - Greenville First
Primary Bible Quiz- 7- to 8-year-old beginners	Tabitha West - Stedman
Junior Bible Quiz Team	Culbreth Memorial Church Bible Quiz Team
Buckaroo of the Year	Nicki Watts - Clinton First
Pioneer of the Year	Richard Royal - Northwood Temple

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1999 Falcon Camp Meeting

July 18-25, 1999

Culbreth Auditorium
Falcon, North Carolina

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Sunday, July 25, 1999

Sunday, July 25 is a high day for us!

A Special Day of Celebration

The morning service begins at 10:00 a.m. Historical dramas depicting past experiences will be included. Special seating and recognition of 50-year, 60-year, 70-year, and 80-year camp meeting Alumni will be arranged. Advertise this please. The message will be delivered by Rev. Bob Ely, president of Southwestern School of Christian Ministries, Oklahoma City. Special music will be presented by our camp meeting minister of music, Pastor Ray Faircloth, Sr. Special recognition of Camp meeting Managers of the past will be an emphasis during this service. Lunch on the grounds with special facilities will be provided. We encourage our people to take advantage of this and bring picnic or homecoming style provisions of food.

A gospel sing will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Prospective singers should contact Brother Faircloth at 910-865-4408.

A special camp meeting reception will be held at 4:00 p.m. Free hot dogs and camp meeting-style, old-fashioned lemonade will be offered to everyone on the grounds.

The annual World Evangelism Service begins at 5:00 p.m. at which time we will receive the 1999 "GO" Offering. Missionary recognition will be a part of this final camp meeting service of 1999. The speaker is Bishop James D. Leggett, a member of this conference and a former manager of the Falcon camp meeting.

Note cards and prints of the Octagon Tabernacle and the J.A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium will be available for sale during the camp meeting, Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Dr. Vinson Synan will be doing some special historical presentations during the 11:00 a.m. services.

Help us make this the best attended, most spiritually enriching Falcon Camp Meeting yet.

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CHURCH NEWS

Superannuated *Birthdays* For July

July 1	Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker	July 19	Rev. Conrad Hall
July 4	Rev. Sherrill Pope	July 21	Rev. Mrs. Betty Dowdy
July 4	Rev. Mrs. Mozelle Dowd	July 21	Rev. Ezra Fann
July 7	Rev. M. R. Britton	July 27	Rev. Jesse Parson

PINEY GROVE CAMP MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 19 through Sunday, August 29, 1999
Place: Hodges Chapel
Chocowinity, North Carolina
Time: 7:30 p.m. weeknights

SPEAKERS:

Pastor Jimmy Whitfield of The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Goldsboro, NC

Pastor Bobby Williams of Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Pastor Terry Lewis of Lowland Pentecostal Holiness Church

HOST:

Pastor Ronnie Gurganus will speak on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

Supervised and managed by Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long and the Piney Grove Camp Meeting Board

District Conference
Vision Casting Workshops

District	Host Church	Pastor	Day	Date
Clinton	Hollands Chapel	Thad White	Monday	August 30
Fayetteville	Stedman	Randall Strickland	Tuesday	August 31
Goldsboro	Bizzell Grove	Dwight Dunning	Thursday	September 2
Greenville	Ayden	Samuel Weaver, Sr.	Tuesday	September 7
Lumberton	Mount Olive	Chris Rooks	Thursday	September 9
Morehead City	Harkers Island	Michael Walker	Monday	September 13
New Bern	Holly Hill	Paul L. Loftin	Tuesday	September 14
Raleigh	Evangel Community		Thursday	September 16
Rocky Mount	Hobgood	Dempsey Winstead	Monday	September 20
Williamston	Williamston First	Roger Leggett	Tuesday	September 21
Wilmington	Jacksonville	Bethea Moore	Thursday	September 23
Wilson	Living Waters	Ricky Nelms	Monday	September 27

Each service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Pastors, please cooperate with your Women's Ministries as they bring the largest offering yet for the Feast of Ingathering.*

Ministerial Credentialing Procedures

Occasionally questions arise about ministerial credentialing procedures. Listed below is the proper procedure.

A. The candidate shall request the necessary application papers from the Conference office. This may be done by phone or letter.
B. Application papers will be mailed to the candidate, who will promptly fill them out and return them to the Conference office.
C. The Conference Superintendent may require a personal interview at his discretion.
D. Upon receipt and approval of the candidate's application papers by the Conference Superintendent, the individual is put on the list of official ministerial candidates to receive Conference credentials.
E. The candidate in the Conference Ministerial Training Program will then be given the toll-free number [1-800-541-1376] for LifeSprings Resources so that he/she may order the necessary books. College degree candidates will be notified as to the expected date when their credentials will be granted according to their academic status.

Please note the new summer Conference office hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:00-12:00 p.m.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July .....Men's Ministries **Men of Action Month**
- August .....Men's Ministries **Friendship Evangelism Month**
- August 13-14 .....**Promise Keepers** - Charlotte
- September .....**Pastor Appreciation Month**
- September 17-18 .....North Carolina Men's Summit

FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM - Not every Christian is an evangelist but all can and should be witnesses for Jesus Christ. Some Christians are good at it and some are not, but all can be trained and equipped. The key is learning to tell their personal story. God's expectation is that all will endeavor to share the gospel news. The Friendship Evangelism material has been prepared to help all Christians share their faith. It is an exciting program that will instruct and motivate laity to actively participate in evangelism. The material centers on six lessons, is easily taught, and comes with overhead masters, a teacher's guide, suggestions, a student's textbook, and a gospel tract. Certificates are available for those who complete the training. Plan now for your chapter to participate in Friendship Evangelism Month in August! For more information or to order materials, contact the Men's Ministries office at 910-323-4777.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 80% of Americans are unchurched. The growth being experienced in churches is primarily transfer growth (members moving from one church to another.)
- 195 million Americans say, "I do not have a born-again experience." We have become the third largest mission field in the world. Only India and China have more non-believers.
- No county in the USA has a higher church population now than it did 10 years ago.
- The USA is the 13th largest receiver of missionaries.

Statistics from Church Dynamics, Inc.

"Evangelism is more of the heart than geography.
Our mission field is where we are."

PROMISE KEEPERS

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Location: Charlotte, NC
Date: August 13-14
Theme: "Choose This Day" (Joshua 24:15)

TO REGISTER...
call 1-800-888-7595 (Spanish) 1-800-203-1564
Also, you may, register on line at www.promisekeepers.org

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

LINES FROM LINDA...

Summer vacation time is a special time of year! For some folks it may mean a cruise or a trip abroad. For others it may be a trip to grandmother's house. For some it may just be a day at an amusement park. No matter what the destination, it is nice to just change the pace and leave the mundane day-to-day tasks behind.

As children growing up on the farm, we knew little about vacations. When school was out, it was time to hit the fields. It was vacation to us just to be able to vary our schedules a little. However, I do recall one memorable year when we all loaded up in the family car for a trip to Kentucky. My aunt who lived there was coming to spend the summer with us to help us on the farm. As I recall, my two older brothers did not go with us, so it was Mama and Daddy, my two younger sisters, my younger brother and me.

I suppose at that time of my life I had probably not been farther west than Raleigh, so you can imagine the excitement of four children as the mountains came into view. It was an almost unbelievable sight to us. We were accustomed to the flatlands of eastern North Carolina. We were amazed at the small little corn "patches" which dotted the countryside. We were accustomed to l-o-o-ong corn rows (especially when we had to hoe them). It was exciting to see the different lifestyles. Our only image of Native Americans was of those in the "cowboys and Indians" days. We were thrilled with our stop in Cherokee to learn that these people are our friends.

In more recent years, I have been blessed to travel to various destinations, both in the United States and abroad. The horizons have expanded to include many awesome sights and experiences. The beauty of the Swiss Alps, the glamour of New York City, the sandy beaches of Maui, the sugar cane of Barbados, the roar of the Pacific — all these places are intriguing.

No matter where vacation takes me, I find new and interesting people and sights. No matter how near or how far from home, we can find the beauty of God's handiwork. I guess that is what brings me to the realization that the one thing this whole world has in common is creation. In the beginning God brought it all together. It has been marred and scarred by the hand of man, yet its glory remains.

I suppose that is why in each place I have vacationed I have somehow felt a kinship. Whether standing on the Matterhorn in Switzerland or enjoying the sunshine of Waikiki, I have sensed God's presence.

Yes, I have been a few places that were not so inviting. Yes, I have been homesick a time or two. Usually after a few days away, I am ready to get back to Home, Sweet Home. But it is assuring to me to know that no matter where I go, God travels with me.

So pack your bags and take a break. Enjoy a few days in a different setting. You will find some interesting and exciting places, and you will have a wonderful Traveling Companion.

For you see, God is everywhere.... and He takes no vacations!!

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE ARE PRESENTED FOR MEETING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

Meeting each month (January through December)	10 points
Quarterly Report mailed by 10th of month at quarter end	10 points
Represented at two of the three following events:	
Leadership Seminar, Retreat, Convention	10 points
Tithe paid to NCWM (10% of regular receipts)	10 points
General Project Paid ($48/year to General WM)	10 points
Conference Project Paid ($1/member/year to NCWM)	10 points
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WM Founder's Day Offering	5 points
Harvest Train	5 points
Feast of Ingathering	5 points
Christmas Missions Offering	5 points
Mailed Annual Report & Annual Evaluation Form by January 10th	10 points

CHECK YOUR RECORDS NOW AND SEE IF YOU ARE ON TARGET FOR 1999.

"HISTORY IN THE MAKING"

It has happened! The North Carolina Women's Ministries has made history. Liliana Avila from the Oasis of Hope Hispanic Church of Greenville was presented the first Women's Ministries Manual translated in Spanish on Saturday, May 8, 1999.

What a thrill it was for me, as your Assistant NCWM Director, to be a part of this memorable occasion. At their monthly Women's Ministries meeting, mothers were celebrated in recognition of Mother's Day. The meeting started with an inspirational time of praise and worship. Although I did not understand all the words, we worshiped in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Following praise and worship, with the assistance of Rev. Lydia Figueroa as an interpreter, I presented the manual to Sister Liliana. I assured all the Hispanic ladies of our love and desire to worship and work together for the growth of the Kingdom of God. Sister Lydia then delivered a heart-stirring message resulting in two of those beautiful women surrendering their lives to Christ. Their blessings began immediately as they both won a door prize. Isn't it wonderful how our Lord cares about the little things? Following the service we enjoyed delicious refreshments furnished by the ladies of the Greenville First Church. While enjoying the refreshments, we were all given a gift from a "Canasta de Promesas" ("Basket of Promises"). These were small, colorfully wrapped gifts with a Bible verse neatly tied to each one. Sister Liliana said these were verses to be applied to our daily lives. Again, I saw the hand of God move. A full night's sleep is a real rarity for me and wouldn't you know it - my verse was "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." (Psalm 4:8)

From beginning to end, it was evident the Holy Spirit had anointed the meeting. Sister Liliana is a Spirit-filled, capable leader of an enthusiastic group. While driving home and thinking about the wonderful experience I had enjoyed, I felt a real pride in the fact that the N.C. Conference has been blessed with so many wonderful Hispanic women.

– Janice Marshburn
NCWM Assistant Director

GREENVILLE DISTRICT WM RALLY...

"Women of Vision" was the theme of the Greenville District Women's Ministries Rally held on Saturday, May 15th, at the Bethel Church. The Bethel WM hosted registration and refreshment time which preceded the program. Delicious doughnuts, soft drinks and coffee were served as the guests arrived.

In the sanctuary, Pastor Raymond Whitehurst greeted the ladies and welcomed them.

District Director Gail Goff presided over the program. She introduced Conference WM Director Linda Thomas, who gave comments and made a special presentation to the former Greenville District WM Director, Janie Howard.

Worship music was provided by the Ayden Church WM. Global Outreach WM presented an inspirational skit. The heart of the program was a very timely devotion delivered by Rev. Clara Williams, WM Director of the St. Paul Church in Greenville. She spoke from John 17 and delivered a powerful message on unity with the Father. Following her message, there was a special time of prayer and praise.

God's presence was in the midst of the Greenville District ladies as they took time from busy schedules to gather on a Saturday morning and unite their hearts in praise and worship.

3 x 5 PRAYERS...

Here's an idea for prayer request time. Pass out 3x5 index cards to each person present. Have them write their prayer requests on the cards. Collect the cards and place them in a container. Have everyone gather around the container and pray over the requests. Remind them that God sees and knows what is on every card. At the end of your meeting, have each person draw a card from the container to take home. They will use the card in the following days as a prayer guide, and all the requests will be remembered as your membership prays over them.

QUICK & EASY SUMMER RECIPE

For a cool, refreshing summer delight, try this recipe for ORANGE SHERBET. Anne Spence, WM Director at New Covenant Church in Warrenton, shares this recipe. The folks at her church really like it.

1 2-liter Sunkist Orange Drink
1 can Eagle Brand Milk

Mix together well and freeze in your ice cream freezer, following usual procedures. After freezer stops, let set for a few minutes. Served with pound cake, vanilla wafers, or alone; it is delicious.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

R.M. STEWART MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At many times in life, the Lord gives special unexpected blessings. Recently the Conference office received such a blessing. Some 12,000 to 14,000 ministerial books were entrusted to the N.C. Conference by the Rev. R. M. Stewart's family.

Rev. R. M. (Marshall) Stewart went to heaven in mid-February. Brother Stewart pastored in the Black Jack community near Greenville for a number of years. He was a dear friend to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He has ministered in revivals across the Conference and has spoken several times at the Conference Christian Worker's Institute. He was a man loved and respected.

On Monday, May 3, several special individuals journeyed to the home of Sister Annie Laura Stewart to pick up the books. These were Rudolph Britt, Merrill Davis, Paul Edwards, Danny Harris, Danny Nelson, Nathan Thompson, and Chris Thompson. These men worked with Brother Stewart's two sons, Marshall and Chris, to load the books, which took most of the day. Some 137 U-Haul boxes were filled. It might have been done a little faster if the preachers had not stopped several times to look through some special "gem." No! The men did a great job!

Special thanks is offered to Brothers Bennie and Gordon Knox (Robersonville and Ahoskie) who furnished the two trucks to transport the books. Thank you Danny Harris and Paul Edwards for picking up the trucks and driving them. It is a great blessing when God's people work together using all available resources. The trucks were a life-saver.

The books were unloaded at the Conference office on Tuesday, May 4. What a job carrying 137 boxes (some boxes, two men to a box) upstairs. The work was done. God did bless. Thank you office men for advice and the helping hands.

Bookcases are now being built. The books are being entered

into the computer by intern Jonathan Wheeler. It is hoped the books will be in place by camp meeting (July 18-25). The library is being established in the upstairs at the Conference office.

The library will be available to any serious student of the Word. Brother Stewart was a student of the Word. Through the years he built this massive ministerial library because of his love for the Word and his quest for biblical knowledge.

The library will be open during regular Conference office hours. The books are for in-house use only and are not available for checkout. It is hoped that some ministers will plan weekly to visit the library and perhaps stay over in the Conference facilities for a day or two. This is such an important addition for the Conference Training Center.

The Stewart family chose the Conference to be the steward of the collection for several reasons. They desired the books to remain in eastern North Carolina and they desired the books to have maximum exposure to ministers. They wanted the books to be available to all ministers, but especially pentecostal and holiness ministers. They desired the library to be kept intact and they felt led of the Lord to bring the books to Falcon.

Due to declining health in recent years, Brother Stewart was unable to keep the records of his books up-to-date. It is not known presently just how many books are in the collection. Several things are known, including the fact that there are many priceless books, and the books are in excellent condition. Very few Christian schools have this many volumes and such quality in their libraries. God is at work.

At a later date a special dedication ceremony will be held. An announcement will go forth! Anyone desiring further information should contact Superintendent Long or Evangelism/Missions/Archives Director Thompson.

— MISSIONARY UPDATE —

Many of our churches are becoming 7-Star churches for missions by broadening their base for missions support. Many are getting very creative in their "missions ministry." The following is an article by one such church – the Baywood Church, Fayetteville. Congratulations are in order to Pastor Ron Cannon and Missions Director Melba Hughes for a job well done! May their number increase.

Baywood Missions on the Move!

The Baywood Pentecostal Holiness Church of Fayetteville is taking seriously the "Great Commission" of the Lord. Under the direction of Pastor Ron Cannon, and with its Missions Director, Melba Hughes, leading the way, the Baywood Church is on its way to a record-breaking year in missions GIVING and GOING.

Recently, Mrs. Hughes issued a challenge to the entire congregation to sponsor a child through People to People. In a matter of months the number of children sponsored grew from 2 to 20.

Baywood has also been used of the Lord to raise funds for the planting of a church in Kenya in 1998 and by the end of 1999 will have raised the funds for the planting of another church in Kenya, as well as one in Ethiopia. Several thousand dollars has been raised to plant the church and to build a building. In addition to the church planting, the church raised $1,000 to help missionary Phillip List buy a tent (total cost $50,000). They raised $2,800 for benches in the tent.

In 1998, Baywood hosted a ministry student intern from the Philippines. Rolando L. Alip Jr., or "Jun-Jun" as he prefers to be called, arrived in North Carolina in January of 1998 and returned home in May of 1998. Since returning home, "Jun-Jun" has begun to pastor a church on his home island of Leyte. Since it is quite a distance from his house to church, in February of this year the congregation of Baywood generously gave enough funds for "Jun-Jun" to purchase a motorcycle.

Not only has the Lord blessed the members of the church with opportunities to GIVE, but they are also blessed to be able to GO. This July (7th - 18th), a team of seven from the Baywood Church will be traveling to Cebu, Philippines, to work with our missionaries there, L. J. & Peggy Wood. The funds for this trip are being raised through a variety of means, with the most successful being our monthly "MISSIONS MEALS." On the third Wednesday night of each month the team and the missions committee hosts a meal and invites the entire congregation on a freewill offering basis. This has proven to be a great time of fellowship as well as an effective way to raise funds.

This summer we will once again be challenging the congregation to give a day's wage in the "GO" Offering, and they are believing God for the best outpouring yet.

"All of the things that we are able to do for the cause of Christ and missions are only by the grace of God. The ways that we are being used to GIVE and GO just serve to prove that even in a small or medium-sized congregation, if priority is placed on things that God says are the most important, the resources and opportunities are endless."

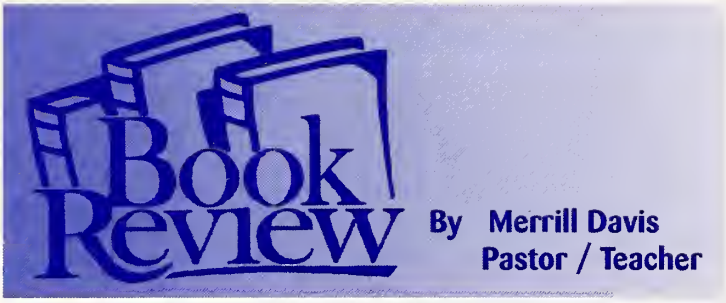
– Submitted by Pastor Ron Cannon

SPECIAL NEED!

Recently several churches and individuals raised funds to help Missionary Phillip List purchase a Gospel Tent to use in Kenya ($50,000). Brother List is now raising funds to purchase 800 benches for the tent. The benches cost $50 each. They are ten feet long with a back. Presently funds have been given for more than 500 of the benches. Some 300 more are needed. Anyone may donate funds for a bench. The project number is 06011.

1999 "GO" OFFERING

What we do – we must do quickly! "GO" Offering Sunday is July 11. This is the day for the prayer and fasting. The preference is to have all the "GO" Offering funds into Falcon by Wednesday, July 21. Our goal is $210,000. Pyramid Globes are available for those who give a Day's Wage.



By Merrill Davis
Pastor / Teacher

▲ ***Leaders on Leadership*. Contributor and General Editor, George Barna. Ventura, California, 1997. 318 pp. $18.99**

Barna has added yet another informative volume on the subject of leadership, which includes an impressive list of Who's Who of respected and proven leaders of today such as Kenneth Gangel, Robert Clinton, Gene Getz, and Jack Hayford. A true leader is always growing and expanding horizons. He needs solid information and helpful tools to carry on his work. Since a church rises or falls on the leadership, it is imperative that leaders adequately prepare themselves for the challenging tasks and problems that lay ahead. Admittedly there is indeed a difference between a person claiming to be a leader and effective leadership. Each chapter will help the reader understand the vitals of effective leadership. In my opinion, the chapter on conflict by Jim Van Yperen is worth the price of the book.

▲ ***The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life*. Nashville, 1998. By Os Guinness. 249 pp. $17.99**

Number ten of the Top 25 *Christianity Today's* 1999 Book Awards, *The Call* will be a treasured book on any shelf of any Christian worker. Having the privilege of hearing Guinness in person, I have always had a great admiration for this internationally renowned author and thinker who writes in the tradition of C. S. Lewis and Oswald Chambers. If you desire a sure sense of purpose and meaning in life, then this book is a must-read. Even for the seasoned veteran who is perhaps on the last leg of his or her ministry will find this book interesting and helpful as you reflect on how God called you and equipped you for the work of ministry. Drawing from various biographies of great men and women, proven works of literature, pertinent historical events and the Word of God, Guinness challenges the reader to intensify one's passion for life, and strip away the veneer of formalized Christianity and to strive to be your utmost to the full stature of Jesus Christ for His highest. After all, any God-called man or woman should desire to hear the solemn words, "Well done," come from the lips of The Caller. By all means, buy the book!

Continued from Women's Ministries

CONGRATULATIONS...

THE FOLLOWING WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GROUPS ARE COMMENDED FOR EARNING 100 POINTS ON THE WM ANNUAL EVALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1998. AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE CONVENTION.

Clinton First
Peniel
Culbreth Memorial
Eastside
Grace Community
Mt. Carmel
Bizzell Grove
Mt. Olive (Goldsboro District)
Niagara
Pikes Cross Roads
The First Church
Thunder Swamp
Ayden
Bethel
Greenville First
Kinston First
St. Paul
Maranatha
Reelsboro
Clayton
Emmanuel
Evangel
The Capital
Ebenezer
Harvest Temple
Living Faith
Roanoke Rapids
Scotland Neck
Vaughans Chapel
Bethany
Bethany YWM
Grace Family Fellowship
Rehoboth
Roper
Williamston First
Wallace
Wilmington First
Moore's Chapel
Shiloh
Stantonsburg
Wilson First

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

Sunday School and Youth Ministries Report – January, February, March 1999

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Att	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Att
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1750	0	735	0	700	538
KINSTON FIRST	643	0	295	0	321	265
THE FIRST	360	0	200	0	0	150
MT. OLIVE LD	309	0	197	0	0	0
CLINTON	358	0	191	0	245	188
TARBORO FIRST	214	0	177	0	185	151
MT. CARMEL	369	0	176	0	213	124
STEDMAN	280	0	160	0	205	137
THE CAPITAL	350	0	160	0	170	188
WILSON FIRST	182	0	156	0	90	85
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	422	20	151	22	423	331
GREENVILLE FIRST	240	0	145	0	80	85
ST. PAULS	174	10	144	10	132	128
TARBORO LAROCA			135	0		
WHITLEY	269	0	134	0	219	165
SHILOH	289	16	127	28	189	99
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	147	0	126	0	153	105
CHADBOURN	220	0	126	0	174	78
SMYRNA	106	0	122	0	101	87
BRENTWOOD	135	0	121	0	150	167
BIZZELL GROVE	163	40	121	31	80	53
PENIEL	262	0	117	0	210	83
BENSON	167	48	110	30	140	83
GRACE FAMILY FELLOW.	211	0	110	0	192	111
WILLIAMSTON	154	8	105	7	107	75
HARKERS ISLAND	133	0	105	0	67	49
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	208	25	104	20	0	39
HARVEST TEMPLE	191	65	102	37	135	73
LUMBERTON	155	48	100	14	140	74
BETHANY	155	5	93	24	109	43
BELFAST	134	0	89	0	94	49
EVANGEL	210	19	88	18	105	89
ST. JOHN	129	0	78	0	35	51
BAYWOOD	120	0	78	0	76	33
ROPER	114	0	77	0	105	75
ROANOKE RAPIDS	260	30	77	28	40	40
PIKES CROSSROADS	187	25	76	27	145	50
MT. OLIVE (GD)	83	0	74	0		
LIVING FAITH FELLOW.	120	0	74	0	86	51
HARVEST FELLOWSHIP	105	0	73	0	70	66
WILMINGTON	142	0	72	0	142	62
WESTVIEW	118	0	71	0	102	51
STANTONSBURG	108	0	67	0	50	0
TYNDALL GROVE	75	0	66	0	30	22
SHARON	103	0	65	0	47	31
MILLENIUM	142	41	64	33	90	31
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71	0	63	0	30	26
SANFORD FIRST	94	0	63	0	49	39
NAKINA	82	0	63	0	30	23
BOARDMAN	210	0	62	0	201	31
HOBGOOD	100	0	62	0	0	0
MARANATHA	101	0	61	0	75	102
BRIDGETON	74	0	60	0		
FAITH WD	75	101	60	94	60	48
REHOBOTH	139	0	59	0		
MOORES CHAPEL	95	0	56	0	71	35
NEW BERN FIRST	86	0	56	0	38	33
THE GENESIS	116	35	56	34	51	22
KENLY	116	0	55	0		
HIGHER GROUND	117	0	54	0	58	37
EMMANUEL	74	0	53	0	60	54
THOMAS CHAPEL	72	0	53	0	66	25
MANLEYS GROVE	104	0	53	0		
ST. MATTHEW	72	0	53	0	35	30
TAYLORS CHAPEL	107	0	52	0	0	0
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104	0	51	0	59	26
GETHSEMANE	207	0	50	0	126	40
REELSBORO	100	57	49	34	54	37
BETHEL	57	0	49	0		
BLACK CREEK	70	0	49	0	0	0
JONES GROVE	47	0	48	0	0	0
BROCKS CHAPEL	168	0	48	0	91	36
LIVING WATERS	52	0	45	0	52	28
NIAGARA	165	0	44	0	33	17
HODGES CHAPEL	87	0	44	0	0	0
SELMA	53	0	44	0		

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Att	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Att
GOSHEN	85	0	43	0	36	28
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	68	0	43	0	0	0
HAMILTON	70	0	42	0	0	0
VANCEBORO	45	0	42	0	0	7
CARSON MEMORIAL	80	0	42	0	65	28
EBENEZER	51	0	41	0	43	28
THUNDER SWAMP	89	0	40	0	11	11
SPRING HOPE	54	0	40	0	50	39
GRACE FAMILY			40	0		
FELLOWSHIP HISPANIC						
SHILOH	90	0	40	0	0	0
ABERDEEN	67	0	40	0	63	22
GARLAND	65	0	40	0	0	
IGLESIA HISPANA		40	0			
SANTIDAD						
FRIENDSHIP WD	96	0	39	0	64	28
WINTERVILLE	79	0	39	0	0	0
ELIZABETHTOWN	50	0	39	0	10	30
MIDWAY	110	0	39	0	82	33
ABBOTTSBURG	42	0	38	0	17	18
AYDEN	59	0	37	0	0	0
FAMILY LIFE TABERNACLE	50	0	37	0	41	40
SCOTLAND NECK	53	0	36	0	0	29
INDEPENDENCE	52	0	36	0		
WARSAW	82	0	36	0		
IGLESIA			35	0		
JACKSONVILLE	43	0	35	0	22	17
WADES POINT	55	0	33	0		
TABERNACLE			31	0	0	19
TRINITY RMD	47	0	30	0		
WELDON	66	0	30	0	0	0
WESTMORELAND	159	0	30	0	106	37
BAILEY	43	18	29	15	21	14
NEW VISION	50	0	29	0		
OAK RIDGE	64	0	28	0	28	19
SNEADS FERRY	100	0	28	0	30	19
ALBRITTON	69	18	27	18	39	20
LOWLAND	37	0	27	0		
EASTSIDE	0	0	26	0		
SPRING OF LIVING WATER	0	0	26	0	0	21
SIMS	50	0	25	0		
HERITAGE	56	0	25	0	46	34
TRINITY CD	19	0	23	0	0	0
FRIENDSHIP NBD	27	0	22	0	48	26
NEW COVENANT	69	6	22	7	28	16
ALERT	56	0	21	0	35	25
SONLIGHT	38	25	21	30	28	19
KINSTON FIRST HISPANIC			20	0		
CEDAR POINT	0	0	20	0	0	10
HOPEWELL	24	0	20	0	29	22
ALLIANCE	37	0	20	0	28	9
NEW HOPE	23	0	20	0	0	
SNOW HILL	0	0	19	0	0	3
LAMM'S GROVE	50	0	19	0		
CLAYTON	29	0	19	0		
PENDERLEA	25	0	18	0	14	10
LYON MEMORIAL	56	0	18	0		
GRACE COMMUNITY	33	0	17	0	36	16
GRIFTON	30	0	17	0	0	0
RED SPRINGS	70	0	14	0		
VICKS CHAPEL	17	0	13	0		
MIDDLESEX	0	0	13	0		
GOOSE CREEK	34	0	13	0	19	0
CRYSTAL COAST	36	0	11	0	0	0
CALVARY TEMPLE	17	0	10	0	13	13
WAKELON	11	0	10	0	0	0
BELHAVEN			10	0	0	0
PLYMOUTH	12	0	8	0		
NEW LIFE	22	0	7	0	0	0
WINDSOR	13	0	7	0	0	0
CALVARY LD	0	0	6	0		
LIGHTHOUSE	8	0	6	0		
TOTAL	16,813	660	9,556	561	8,438	5,854
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EXPANDING THE VISION...

FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER!

From the Superintendent

T. Elwood Long

One of the benefits of serving our Lord in His Church and in His world is the opportunity to meet many people and to form lifelong friendships.

I began to serve as Conference Missions Director in 1982 while pastoring one of the strong missions-supporting churches of the North Carolina Conference, Shiloh [Wilson District]. This privilege opened new vistas of experience for Sylvia and me. This relationship with the Global Evangelism thrust of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church was greatly enhanced with my appointment to serve on the General Church World Missions Board for the periods 1985 - 1989 and reappointment to this arena of service for the current quadrennium, 1997-2001.

These opportunities have allowed me to minister in Haiti, Mexico, Costa Rica, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, South Africa and Canada. Sylvia and I have met and ministered with so many gracious missionaries and nationals that even if I could call all the names to memory at the moment, space in this article would not permit the listing of them.

As I begin this writing I am sitting beside Sylvia as we travel the Eurorail from Paris to Madrid. It is Saturday morning, July 10, 1999. This trip started Friday morning, July 2, with a flight from the USA to Rome, Italy. We were to fly immediately to the island country of Malta. Due to the unpredictability of travel plans we were diverted to Catania, Sicily, for several hours before continuing to Malta.

My, a welcome sight to behold! Missionary Linwood Berry, RMC for southern Europe, and Pastor Joe and Cristina Ajuis met us at the Malta Airport. Brother Joe serves the Word of Life Church in Malta and the Jesus First Pentecostal Holiness Center on the neighboring Maltese island of Gozo. Praise God for this young pastor and young churches who are making a steadily increasing impact in the area of Apostle Paul's death-defeating miracle after the shipwreck of the vessel transporting he and 275 other people to Rome. I had the privilege of preaching at Word of Life in the town of Qormi and visiting Jesus First Pentecostal Holiness on Sunday. Jesus First is located in the capital city of Victoria. It was great to meet and worship with the Ajuis' three sons and people like Jackie [our chauffeur for Sunday morning], her daughter Victoria and husband, Lino, assistant chef at our hotel. I believe the long-awaited breakthrough for Pastor Ajuis and his congregations to reach the people of this extremely traditional Roman Catholic country is on the brink of happening.

By the way, Linn Berry is such an accommodating servant of the Lord. Our luggage didn't make it to Malta until Sunday afternoon. Linn loaned me his white shirt and tie. The shirt fit greatly but the tie had to be left behind; my neck is just too large. It was a little more comfortable without the tie anyway on this extremely hot island. I'm spoiled with the widespread availability of air conditioning back home.

Monday brought us to Rome where we were met by the OMC for Europe, Steve Cofer and his wife, Betsy. The Cofer's are a charming treasure the Lord has given this church. They became our very competent guides as we visited places like downtown Rome with its ancient points of interest like the Coliseum, Paul's Mamertine Prison, the Vatican and the famed Saint Peter's Basilica. In addition we took a drive to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa. This is a magnificent example of ingenious engineering.

Late Wednesday we boarded the Eurostar, for overnight sleeping accommodations on this fast traveling train. Actually we changed to a sleeper car at Milan and headed for Brussels, Belgium, where we have a budding affiliate church. We changed trains and were met in Braine L'Alleud [the Waterloo area] by one of the young ladies of the church, Alice and her beautiful white dog, Sam, in their Dodge Caravan. We enjoyed the visit to the monument honoring Napoleon near Waterloo and visiting sites in Brussels like the Grande Palace Market.

Late Thursday we arrived by car in Paris, France. I praise God for our church in this "city of the world." Among the sites we visited are the Eiffel Tower, the famous Louvre with its shops and perhaps one of the largest, if not the largest, museums on this earth. Friday ended with a picturesque boat ride down the Seine as we enjoyed points of interest like Notre Dame Cathedral.

Very early Saturday morning the Cofers took us to the Montpasse Station where we boarded the train for the border town of Irun where we changed trains to finish a long journey to Madrid, Spain. The terrain included marvelously beautiful mountains, miles and miles of wheat fields, grazing cattle and sheep, olive and apple orchards and lusciously green grape vineyards. We were met at Charmatrin Station in Madrid by our dear friend Linn Berry, who whisked us away to their lovely and very practical home in Pantejo [a small village outside Madrid]. Linn and Nancy are precious indeed. They hail from this conference where I first met them about 22-23 years ago at the Evangel Church. Their daughter, Sara, who is associated with Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, were such gracious hosts. The Berrys really know how to make us welcome.

Sunday morning took us to church at Centro Cristiano in

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CHURCH NEWS

SUPERANNUATED *Birthdays* FOR AUGUST

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Rev. Reuben Mosley ..... **August 31**

PRESS RELEASE – IPHC Joins NAE Call to Churches to Pray and Fast

WHEATON, IL-The Evangelism and Home Missions Association of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) challenges NAE denominations and churches to pray and fast from September 21 to October 30, 1999. The 40-day initiative, "Called by My Name," encourages churches to fast and pray for personal growth, church renewal, national revival, and social transformation.

Designed as a lead-in to the Mission America Celebrate Jesus 2000 evangelism efforts in the fall of 1999 and the year 2000, the initiative has been in the planning stages since September 1996. Three things set it apart from other 40-day prayer and fasting initiatives. First, the NAE has put together a solid package of resources for participating churches: a book of 14 sermon ideas and suggestions to go along with the seven-week campaign; a book of seven dramas that enhance the messages; a personal spiritual journal; a daily prayer calendar; posters; a day of prayer sign-up poster; and a booklet, How to Plan Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting. Second, it is being promoted as a one-time initiative. Third, while some individuals will fast for the full length, fasting on a smaller scale is emphasized so that no one will be intimidated and everyone can get involved.

It should also be noted that the resources are not date-sensitive. While the "Called by My Name" initiative is planned for this fall, a church is welcome to use the materials whenever it feels led.

The IPHC General Superintendent's Office and Evangelism USA are co-sponsoring the 40-Day Call to Prayer and Fasting in conjunction with NAE. The "Called by My Name" resource packet has been mailed to every Pentecostal Holiness pastor in America. If you did not receive a packet, call EVUSA at 405-787-7110.

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Madrid. This is a thriving, building-capacity church filled with cross-cultural worshipers. Pastor Nicolas Nogales Lopez [a former professional soccer player] and his lovely wife, Yolanda, are eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child in February, 2000. I enjoyed preaching to this vibrant congregation.

Sunday evening afforded us the joy of worshiping with the fast growing P. H. Congregation in Parla. The constituents here were mainly natives of Spain. Again, I had a good time delivering the message the Lord gave me from His Word. Both these churches are cell-based with many cell-related activities during the week. My, what a celebration gathering they have on Sunday.

Other locations are targeted to start churches. I can truly call Linwood and Nancy Berry the "David Livingstones" of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in Spain. I praise God for this team. The Spanish Conference will be formed and organized on Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17, as they meet in the Parla Church for this historical occasion. OMC Steve Cofer and RMS Linn Berry will set this conference in order. If my memory serves me correctly these are some statistics that will evolve from the first session of the Pentecostal Holiness Conference in Spain; nine people will receive Conference Minister's License, four will be granted Local Church Minister's License and one will be joining by transfer. Thirteen students will graduate from The Mustard Seed Institute. The vast majority of these accomplishments are due to the visionary leadership competence of missionaries Linn and Nancy Berry.

The Lord has answered prayer in providing laborers for this rich harvest field. Nearly two years ago Mike and Cindy Bowen, missionaries of the Appalachian Conference, heard the call from the Spirit of the Lord to come to Spain to work alongside the Berrys. They and their two children, Jonathan and Abigail, are special to this endeavor. They add so much to this glorious work.

I finish the first draft of this article as I sit beside my sleeping, very tired but contented wife on Delta Flight #127 from Madrid to JFK in New York. We are on our way home with a host of new friends and refreshed relationships with long time friends comforting our spirits.

In answer to this week's Newsweek question, "Is God dead in Europe?" I emphatically answer "NO"! In a traditional environment far from New Testament standards, God is raising up a renewal of The Faith in Europe. I know the task is great but our God is greater! Harvesters are urgently needed and supporters with prayer and finances must step forward. A breakthrough in Europe is coming! Will you be a part of the solution God is bringing to a disillusioned society that has largely written off the Christian faith as only a possible alternative life style?

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August .....Men's Ministries **Friendship Evangelism Month**
- August 13-14 .....**Promise Keepers** - Charlotte
- September 17-18 .....North Carolina Men's Summit
- September .....**Teamshare Month**
- October 3 .....**Pastor Appreciation**

Disaster Relief Update - With the huge disaster that we have seen in Oklahoma and Kansas, this area needs to be re-looked. Each pastor was mailed a video on "Storm of Tears" which captured the devastation. (If your chapter has not seen this, let us know and we'll send you a tape.) Disasters are always... around the corner, and hurricane season in North Carolina is a warning. In the next few months the **Disaster Recovery Manual** will be published. It will contain guidance on setting up and training specialty teams for disaster relief. Your church can select from one of many areas to build a team, such as debris clearing, construction, roofing, dry wall, etc. This is a ministry area for your chapter to be involved!

Pastor Appreciation - Are you ready? Although this event is usually celebrated in October (October 3rd this year), now is the time to prepare for this joint Women's and Men's Ministries' program. The 1999 Pastor Appreciation Packet entitled **"Walking Together, The People and The Pastor"** is full of ideas for your use. A manual is also available that will guide you in your planning. Both can be ordered by calling the Men's Ministries' office at 910-323-4777. The cost is $9.95 each. If your chapter paid its 1999 dues the packet is free. Start now - get your **1999 Pastor Appreciation Packet!**

PROMISE KEEPERS

Men's Conference

TO REGISTER...
call 1-800-888-7595 or 1-800-203-1564 (Spanish)
Also, you may register online at www.promisekeepers.org

Location: Charlotte, NC
Date: August 13-14
Theme: "Choose This Day" (Joshua 24:15)

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

LINES FROM LINDA...

Water is a precious commodity, yet we take it for granted. Recently in some areas of North Carolina there was no rain for weeks. The ground had become dry. Crops and gardens were beginning to wilt and give in to the heat and lack of water. Because of near-drought conditions, there was a ration of water use in some cities and counties.

We are so accustomed to the convenience of modern usage of water. We become thirsty; so we simply go to the faucet and, with little effort, turn the handle and the water freely flows to fill our cup or glass. Often we fill the glass full to only take a few swallows and pour the rest down the drain. We want to clean up, so we hop into the shower and leisurely allow the water to refresh and clean our bodies. If time allows, we may fill the bathtub full and sink down in the bubbles for a time of relaxation while we soak clean. We turn on the water hose to irrigate the lawn. We push a button on the washing machine to do our laundry. Washing dishes is as easy as pushing a button on the dishwasher.

Some use water for aesthetic effects. The ripple of a stream or a fountain in the backyard garden offers a soothing sound and a pleasing sight to satisfy our senses. The home swimming pool is no longer a rarity and offers pleasure and relaxation for those who enjoy swimming. Land along the waterfronts now has skyrocketed in price as it is being used for home sites.

I remember, as a little girl, water was not so convenient to us. We had a hand pump on the back porch. Daddy had built a shelf up around it and put an old sink under the mouth of the pump. Mind you, there was no plumbing, the water just went through the hole in the sink into a little short piece of pipe and out onto the ground below. Beside the pump was a jar that was always filled with water. You didn't use that water for any reason because it was reserved to prime the pump.

When we took a bath, Mama would pump a little tub (we called it a foot tub) full of water. In the winter time, she would place the tub on the kerosene heater until it was warm, and then divide the water to each of us in a wash basin as we took turns bathing. In the kitchen, she kept a water bucket with a dipper in it to dip out water needed for cooking and cleaning the dishes, pots and pans. For a summer splash, we filled a washtub with water and waited for the sun to warm it. On wash day, we had to draw water from the well, which was just a few steps from the back door. We filled the washing machine and two large tubs. One tub was the bleach rinse and the other was the plain water rinse. When the clothes were all washed and hung on the clotheslines, we used the wash water to scrub the porches.

I heard my mother tell of her childhood when she and her brothers and sisters had to take buckets a long way down a path in the woods to a spring to fetch the water needed for use by their family.

Yes, we have come a long way. Modern conveniences place everything, including water, right at our fingertips and accessible with the greatest of ease. But as I think about this water situation, my thoughts are led to another kind of water. Jesus called it the WATER OF LIFE. You know, He offered it to the Samaritan woman at the well. He told her if she would drink of it, she would never thirst again. I am reminded that there has never been a scarcity of that water... and it is so accessible. It has great aesthetic value as it soothes our very souls. The pump never has to be primed for it flows freely from the River of Life. It cleanses us from the filth of sin and spiritually refreshes us. When we drink freely of the water Jesus offers, we do not thirst for the things of this world. And the beauty of His water is that it is not only good for this life but for all eternity as well.

Yes, water is a precious commodity. We can't live without it. Let's not take it for granted!

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Convention Awards

Local directors of AWARD OF THREE-STAR SUPERIORITY BAR recipients: Moore's Chapel, Betty Jean Johnson; Ebenezer, Ruby Rose; Greenville First, Betty leRoux; Bethel, Frances Whitfield; and Bizzell Grove, Marietta Massey. These groups earned 100 points for 12 consecutive years.

Local directors of AWARD OF SUPERIORITY PLAQUE recipients: Scotland Neck, Janet Nobles; and Reelsboro, Phyllis Buck. These groups earned 100 points for 4 consecutive years.

Local directors of AWARD OF TWO-STAR SUPERIORITY BAR recipients: Grace Family Fellowship, Ruby Bullock; Wallace, Teresa Bradshaw; and Eastside, Cathy Walston. These groups earned 100 points for 8 consecutive years.

Local directors of AWARD OF SUPERIORITY BAR recipients: Niagara, Francis Ballance; Evangel, Shirley Fakes; and Roanoke Rapids First, Linda Borrell. These groups earned 100 points for 4 consecutive years & earned a plaque in previous years.

Girls' Ministries Training...

The Missionettes curriculum has been adapted to the International Pentecostal Holiness Church for ministry to girls. There is excitement and anticipation as this progressive change is put into place. We expect an explosive growth in Girls' Ministries as we embrace this new program and curriculum.

The curriculum and supplies will be introduced to the North Carolina conference at a regional training at The First Church in Goldsboro on September 17 and 18. Women's Ministries leaders, current GEMS Coordinators/Class Sponsors and those interested in beginning a Girls' Ministries in local churches, are encouraged to attend this training session. This training will take the place of the annual NC LTC, which was scheduled for October. For further information, contact Sandra Britt at 910-594-1229 (after 6 p.m. and on weekends).

Reminders...

Agnes Robinson Christmas Missions Offering is due September 1, 1999. All monies received for this offering are used to provide Christmas gifts for missionaries. The offering is divided so that each missionary family receives a fair share. It takes a while for this money to be disbursed, so please be prompt in getting your offering in. Send it to City NC NCWM, Patsy Deese, 1303 Cedarwood Village, Morehead 28557.

Feast of Ingathering Offerings will be received at district conferences. Each local church is encouraged to share in this annual fundraiser for church-supported institutions of higher education. Women's Ministries workshops will be held at the district conferences, at which time FOI offerings will be turned in by local WM directors. If your church does not have a WM, pastors are encouraged to receive an offering for this worthy cause and take it to the district conference.

Special Thanks...

Phyllis Harrell extends a special thanks to all those people who expressed sympathy to her at the passing of her mother, Mrs. Nettie Emily Sellers. Mrs. Sellers died on May 10th in Conway, SC. Phyllis says, "I really appreciate the cards, calls and concern expressed at the passing of my mother."

EXPANDING THE VISION...

The 1999 NCWM Convention theme, EXPANDING THE VISION, came to life before the more than 300 people who attended the annual convention on Saturday, June 12th, at Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle in Falcon. Each ministry outreach was explained and reviewed during the course of the program.

The day began as ladies gathered in the Cafeteria/Training Center Building. WM District Directors served as registrars and distributed packets to the ladies as they registered. The Dunn Gospel Tabernacle WM served as hostesses for the refreshments. Dorothy Boyette, NCWM Historian, displayed the NCWM scrapbooks; and various groups displayed their wares for sale at their Show & Sell stations.

At 9:30 a.m. the group moved to the Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle where Conference Superintendent Rev. T. E. Long gave greetings and the invocation. NCWM Conference Director Linda Thomas gave a welcome and the annual report of the State of North Carolina Women's Ministries. She also made various recognitions and presented awards that had been earned during the 1998 year.

At the close of the business session, Mrs. Faye Wheeler read the memoirs report and the congregation observed a moment of silence in memory of those who departed during the 1998 year. Special mention was also made of Rocky Mount District WM Director, Faye Downing Viverette, who departed this life in February 1999. A beautiful floral arrangement was provided for the convention in her memory by WM groups in the Rocky Mount District.

To begin the program, Board Member Phyllis Harrell, as Education Director, gave an overview of the Feast of Ingathering (the annual fundraiser for our church-supported colleges. Sara Lucas, a student at Emmanuel, shared how the NCWM Feast of Ingathering money affects the schools and helps the students. Feast of Ingathering scholarships earned from Emmanuel College as a result of the 1998 offering were presented to the following students who plan to attend Emmanuel in the fall: James Evan Dunning; Allyson Grey Lamm; Sara Emily Lucas; Ashley Rachel McCandless; Matthew Benjamin Nicholson; and Beth Lynette Wood.

Benevolence Director, NCWM Secretary-Treasurer Patsy Deese, shared how NCWM ministers to the needs at Falcon Children's Home and The Royal Home. The annual Harvest Train, which is sponsored by Women's Ministries, is held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and is a time when both cash and commodities are carried to Falcon Children's Home. Many local WM groups give regular support to the ATAM ministry which operates out of the Royal Home in Salemburg. Patsy introduced representatives from both Falcon Children's Home and The Royal Home who shared personal testimonies.

Girls Ministries Director Sandra Britt introduced the new GM Board: Debbie Hawley, Assistant Director; Debbie Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer; and Diane Bunn, Historian. She shared their vision for the North Carolina Girls Ministries and plans for upcoming events. A Girls Ministries group from St. John PH Church sang.

NCWM Director Linda Thomas introduced the Mary-Elizabeth Evangelism Mentor Ministry concept. This ministry is designed for older women to mentor younger women in the work of the Lord. Linda shared how, as a young girl, she had been encouraged and mentored by Mrs. Sallie Morris, who is now in her 90's and still active in church and WM work. She then introduced Susan Bowers French and shared that she feels she is now beginning to pass on to Susan a portion of the mantle which Mrs. Sallie passed to her years ago. She emphasized the importance of being available to mentor those whom God is raising up to carry on His work.

Happy Hearts is the fellowship outreach to the senior ladies. Blanche Pollard, director for this ministry, shared how Happy Hearts was formed in 1994 and how they have grown in attendance to the point of having to divide into regional groups. They meet twice a year (April and October) for a time of Christian fellowship, food and fun. Marjorie Teachey explained the annual Happy Hearts Christmas Stocking project. Stockings made and filled by these ladies are used for street ministry by the Red Hook PH Church in Brooklyn, NY. A bus trip is being planned to deliver the stockings to Red Hook in November. The tour will also include a stop in the Pennsylvania Amish Country.

Cathy Ward and Cathy Arthur serve as co-directors of the NCWM Couples Retreat. They shared some excerpts from past retreats and made announcement of the retreat planned from November 1999 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Jean Darden and Loala Evans and their spouses have participated in many of the retreats. Jean and Loala shared testimonies of the benefits and enjoyment which the retreats bring to couples.

Ministers' Wives Fellowship Director Sylvia Long talked about the MWF outreach to wives of ministers in the conference. Regenia Whitfield and Lois Trueblood serve with Sylvia on the committee which arranges for two meetings per year as well as informative and motivational mailings. Lois shared some of her experiences and how the support of other minister's wives have helped her through the years as a pastor's wife. Sylvia invited participation by all ministers' wives.

Meshelder Richardson, NCWM Board Member, serves as Missions director for the board. She described the missions outreaches which Women's Ministries sponsors. Mrs. Edna Parker, a retired missionary, spoke to the blessing of the Agnes Robinson Christmas Missions offering which is sent to missionaries as Christmas gifts. Rev. Joe Delport and his wife, Maggie, who are currently assigned to the NCWM for sponsorship, also gave testimony of their appreciation of the support they receive from the ladies of this conference through the Missionary Assignment program. Rev. Betty Rogers, a current missionary who is here on furlough, expressed appreciation for the use of items from the Missions Commissary which is sponsored by NCWM and housed in Falcon. Local WM groups brought gifts to replenish the commissary, and they were displayed during the meeting.

NCWM Assistant Director Janice Marshburn serves as Sharing Sister Director. She offered suggestions and ideas for implementing this ministry on the local level and stressed the value of fellowship among the women. She announced the founding of the NC Hispanic Women's Ministries, and introduced a group of Hispanic sisters from Greenville who participated in the program with song and testimony. Janice also serves as Prayer and Intercession Director. She shared regarding the *Tuesday House of Prayer* focus which is being promoted by Women's Ministries. Tuesday is designated as a day for women to pray for their homes and communities. She also emphasized the *Moms In Touch Ministry*, which is prayer focus on schools and students where mothers gather once a week to pray specifically for a particular school and its students, faculty and staff.

A highlight of the day's activities was the convention address which was delivered by Rev. Rose Boyd who is currently serving on the mission field as director of *Operation Teaching Tools*. She gave a powerful message on how each woman can share in the vision.

At the close of the program, those who had presented various ministry outreaches stood side by side across the rostrum to give the audience a view of how the ministry of NCWM is growing. Each ministry group carried a placard identifying their ministry. The visual impact was proof that NCWM is truly EXPANDING THE VISION.

To end the program, the congregation sang as a prayer *"Open My Eyes That I May See."* Music for the day was led by Annette Lesh and Glenda Joyner. Lynn Case accompanied at the piano. The meeting was closed with the WM Benediction.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

WORLD MISSIONS AWARDS 1998

The following churches and pastors were recognized with plaques at the 1999 Promotional Conference. These churches have excelled in their 1998 world missions support. They lead the way. May the Lord bless them and add to their number. WELL DONE!

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Winner	Gospel Tabernacle	$24,964.99	Pastor King White
#2	The Capital	21,200.49	Pastor Tim Marriner
#3	Shiloh, Wilson	17,150.00	Pastor Ralph Leggett
#4	The First Church	16,595.00	Pastor Jimmy Whitfield
#5	Greenville First	16,044.98	Pastor David Wood

WORLD MISSIONS & GENERAL EVANGELISM TOTAL GIVING

Winner	Northwood Temple	$195,569.59	Pastor John Hedgepeth
#2	The Capital	46,348.49	Pastor Tim Marriner
#3	Stedman	35,254.00	Pastor Randal Strickland
#4	Gospel Tabernacle	33,946.14	Pastor King White
#5	Shiloh, Wilson	29,122.00	Pastor Ralph Leggett

TOTAL GIVING PERCENTAGE INCREASE

Winner	Stedman	480%	Pastor Randal Strickland

GLOBAL OUTREACH TOTAL

Winner	Benson	$10,531.00	Pastor Jimmy Barnhill
#2	Kinston First	7,900.05	Pastor Bobby Williams
#3	Mount Carmel	7,200.01	Pastor Gary Strickland
#4	Harvest Temple	5,300.00	Pastor Fred Jones
#5	Lumberton First	5,021.00	Pastor Greg Long

GLOBAL OUTREACH PERCENTAGE INCREASE

Winner	Thunderswamp	846%	Pastor Jeremy Banks

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TOTALS

Winner	Northwood Temple	$36,407.60	Pastor John Hedgepeth
#2	Lyon Memorial	5,506.00	Pastor Dallas Gurganus
#3	Lumberton First	5,466.00	Pastor Greg Long
#4	Shiloh, Wilson	4,882.00	Pastor Ralph Leggett
#5	Kinston First	3,799.00	Pastor Bobby Williams

WORLD MISSIONS & GENERAL EVANGELISM PER CAPITA GIVING

Winner	Lyon Memorial	$201.54	Pastor Dallas Gurganus
#2	Stedman	190.56	Pastor Randal Strickland
#3	Vanceboro	166.96	Pastor Mel House
#4	Shiloh, Wilson	150.11	Pastor Ralph Leggett
#5	Wakelon	144.51	Pastor Lester Jarrett

GROWTH AWARDS

Each year Evangelism USA (General Evangelism Ministries, Oklahoma City, OK) present growth awards to churches who have experienced phenomenal growth. These awards are in two categories - Gold and Silver. Both awards are based on composite averages. These averages are derived by combining church membership, average A.M. church attendance, and Sunday School attendance. The Gold Awards are given to those with over 100% growth within the last decade. The Silver is for those who achieved more than a 10% increase over the last year.

We congratulate the following churches and pastors with a WELL DONE!

DIRECTOR'S GOLD AWARDS

1.	Alliance	Pastor Lee Toler	21.50%
2.	Calvary, Lumberton District	Pastor Bobby West	119%
3.	Trinity, Rocky Mount District	Pastor Lotis Joyner	108%
4.	Faith, Greenville District	Pastor Willard Haddock	187%
5.	Faith, Williamston District	Pastor Danny Gurganus	121%
6.	Harvest Fellowship	Pastor Tim Watson	372%
7.	New Creation	Pastor Jim Springston	106%
8.	Grace Family Fellowship	Pastor Barry Nall	142%
9.	Whitley	Pastor Ferrell Hardison	158%
10.	Eastside	Pastor Anthony Rogers	127%

DIRECTOR'S SILVER AWARDS

1.	Abbottsburg	Pastor James Hodge	52%
2.	Higher Ground	Pastor Danny Harris	20%
3.	Alert	Pastor David Blake	32%
4.	Black Creek	Pastor Sherwood Page	37%
5.	Clinton	Pastor Ken Milliken	24%
6.	Spring of Living Water	Pastor Tim Leggett	16%
7.	Graham Memorial	Pastor Bill Hooper	22%
8.	Liberty	Pastor Gerald Holloman	36%
9.	Gethsemane	Pastor Roger Banks	45%
10.	Neuva Jerusalem	Pastor Luis Manriquez	37%
11.	La Roca	Pastor Manuel Castaneda	30%
12.	Living Waters	Pastor Ricky Nelms	12%
13.	Micro	Pastor Shelton Whitman	30%
14.	Mount Olive, Lumberton District	Pastor Chris Rooks	29%
15.	Nakina	Pastor Roger Coffey	39%
16.	Robersonville Hispanic	Pastor Manuel Llanes	44%
17.	Saint Paul	Pastor Allen Mayo	15%
18.	Shiloh, Fayetteville District	Pastor J. H. Norton	11%
19.	Smithfield	Pastor Ray Ward	13%
20.	Smyrna	Pastor Vance Harrell	14%
21.	Sneads Ferry	Pastor John Norris	11%
22.	Stantonsburg	Pastor Tony Hawley	11%
23.	Wades Point	Pastor Dean Fulford	31%
24.	Westmoreland	Pastor Jerry Nelson	15%
25.	Westview	Pastor Jonathan Griffin	21%

TORNADO DISASTER RELIEF

I am thrilled and thankful at the way our people and churches responded to the tornado disasters in Oklahoma City and Kansas. Some thirty-two of our church families lost their homes. Our Conference led the way in total giving. Through June 30, Oklahoma figures show some $135,418.78 went through People to People for the tornado victims. Of this amount some $22,826.17 came from the North Carolina Conference.

We salute the following from our Conference who gave.

TORNADO DISASTER RELIEF

1.	Ayden	217.33
2.	Belhaven	100.00
3.	Benson	1,500.00
4.	Bethel	124.55
5.	Chris & Betty Thompson	25.00
6.	Christopher Shumaker	20.00
7.	Dale Moore	50.00
8.	David & Gayla Hitchings	50.00
9.	Dwayne & Lisa Nichols	50.00
10.	Emmanuel	100.00
11.	Evangel Hispanic	80.00
12.	Weldon	50.00
13.	Gattis Smith	100.00
14.	Gene Kornegay	50.00
15.	Genesis	418.00
16.	Gospel Tabernacle	2,000.00
17.	Gospel Tabernacle Hispanic	207.20
18.	Grace Family Fellowship	520.00
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NEW NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONARIES!

Stefan and Andrea Hall, missionaries to Ghana, have transferred to the North Carolina Conference. In the last Missions Board Meeting, Mike and Jennifer Oliver were approved as full-time missionaries to Israel. Mike and Jennifer are from the Roper church. Praise the Lord for these two couples serving the Lord and representing our Conference.

HISPANIC GATHERING

On Friday night, June 25th, our own Rev. Manuel Castaneda led an area-wide Hispanic meeting in the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium in Falcon. This special meeting was both a concert and message by evangelistic-singer Marcus Witt. The auditorium was full! Some 1700 Hispanics gathered for the service. It was a great meeting.

(Rev. Manuel Castaneda is pastor of the La Roca Pentecostal Holiness Church in Tarboro. He is a member of the Hispanic Credentials Committee.)

By Merrill Davis
Pastor / Teacher
Wilson First PHC

▲ The Preacher's Portrait. By John R.W. Stott. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1961. 124 pp.

Dynamite comes in small packages. Though brief and small in size, this little book can supply some needed insight to Christians whose ministries have lost their glow. Using five key words describing the Christian minister, a steward, a herald, a witness, a father and a servant, Stott with crystalline clarity explains the biblical role and responsibility of the preacher. The preacher is to be preoccupied with his message, what it is and how he delivers it, and with himself, his personal experience of what he is preaching, concern about his family and the people to whom he is ministering, and above all maintain a servant attitude reminding ourselves of the indispensable need for God's power in preaching. The goal of Christian ministry is not to be popular but to be powerful. That power comes from purity and humility. A must read!

▲ The Anointing: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. By R.T. Kendall. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999. 182 pp. $9.99.

Many Christians struggle with the idea of needing to do more for Christ and the Kingdom and yet failing to find the resources, energy and intentional drive to fulfill the purposes of God in their lives. Kendall, in a very readable fashion, challenges believers to become men and women of today and tomorrow instead of the past. The key is the liberating and powerful anointing. Using the examples of King Saul, Samuel and King David as his premise, he shows the need for believers to examine their "anointing" as to whether they are up-to-date in their flow of ministry. Far too often burnout in ministry occurs when the servant has moved outside his or her anointing. The author urges believers to identify their anointing in terms of spiritual gifts, accept that anointing and stay within its limitations. Ministers get into trouble when they are placed in areas of service in which they are not competent and adequately trained. Understanding God's anointing for your life can "stop you from looking over your shoulder at another's anointing," finding gratification in the work that God has made possible for you.

This book offers special insight for young ministers who have the anointing but not the platform. Martyn Lloyd Jones stated, "The worst thing that can happen to a man is to succeed before he is ready." One of the hardest lessons to learn for the minister is to wait. David early on was anointed to be King of Israel, but waited for his platform of service. Kendall stresses the importance of preparation for tomorrow's man or woman by patiently waiting, learning, praying, and staying open to the Holy Spirit. By all means possible, buy the book!

REVIVAL

September 19-24, 1999

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(Warrenton)

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Roanoke, Virginia

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

I would like to devote this entire page this month to the recent ***Youth Missions Trip.*** In a report filed by Rev. Charles Boyd, our Conference Youth Pastor and organizer of the trip, he wrote: "On June 27, 1999, eighty-seven eager Missionaries from 12 of our churches ventured forth to storm the nation's capital with the Gospel of Christ. The journey would require the teens of the NC Conference to be flexible and step outside their comfort zones.

"Our ministry opportunities were limitless in a city so torn apart by sin. Four days prior to our trip a single mother was gunned down in front of her home in a drive-by shooting. She died because she threw herself in front of her kids to protect them. She had no way of knowing that one week later we would set up an outreach on the very street where she was killed, and that several kids would give their hearts to Christ.

"We ministered with drama and with singing in several Salvation Army Day Camps and picked up trash in the roughest sections of D.C. We passed out more than 400 'Jesus' videos, conducted street evangelism, and ministered to people in a retirement home. We had several church services, including one in the middle of the projects. Over 350 people made commitments to Christ. Drug addicts, homeless people, and many others who had lost hope found the Truth and were set free! ***"To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"***

As the following testimonies reveal, this trip had a lasting impact not only on our nation's capitol but also on the young people who ministered there.

From ***Natalie Hoffman***, Clinton PHC: "This past week...I realized what a small, simple world I live in compared to that of the people I came in contact with. I saw many small children that have already been through more than I probably will ever go through, and yet I let little petty problems ruin my life. I think the one thing I really learned is how blessed I am and how much I take for granted."

These are the Missionaries from our Conference who invaded Washington, DC

From ***Candace Pittman***, Capital PHC: "When you ask a little girl or teenage boy what they want to pray about and they tell you they are worried that their families might get shot, you begin to realize how fortunate you are. My biggest worry might be what to wear tomorrow, and these kids don't even have shoes on their feet. From this trip I learned that during our most fearful and helpless times, God uses us the most. When we had a service in the Projects and we had fire crackers thrown at us, we became afraid and all I knew to do was worship God and pray hard. My scripture for this trip was, 'God has not given us a spirit of fear...'

From ***Danny Colvin***, Clinton PHC: "The missions trip to Washington, DC, was perhaps the most awesome and important trip I have ever taken. I really hadn't known how blessed I am until I saw how people lived in the rougher parts of that city. Another thing I developed was patience. Before last week, I was impatient ... I barely had any self-control. Instead of getting furious with those who didn't agree with me, I learned to listen and keep my cool. I truly thank God for the opportunity to go on this trip."

Finally, from ***Jenna Pittman***, Capital PHC, a poem.

As I reflect on Washington DC
And what this missions trip meant to me,
I see so many faces, all kinds, in so many places,
their deep hunger for God and His love –
We planted seeds with help from above.
"It's time to reap the harvest,"
from the largest to the smallest, the shortest to the tallest!
There's hurting souls all around us,
even your next door neighbor.
Oh! How deeply they need Jesus!
Even the hard to reach –
the ones who mocked us because we wanted to preach –
we wouldn't give up, neither did Jesus.

God protected and calmed our fears, He also dried all the tears.
Some of us were taken out of our comfort zones,
used by God in a powerful way –
We rejoiced through anointed praise and worship songs!

While on this trip I realized how thankful I should be
For a roof over my head and parents that love me!
We often take for granted this "good life";
It's not like every day we fear
that a family member might pull a knife...
or the next car that goes by could be a "drive-by..."
or that firecrackers being thrown
"This time it's not firecrackers"
– now as a statistic you're known!

It's sad but true:
many lives we touched but some still don't have a clue...
Washington, DC, will never be the same –
We gave of ourselves and changed lives in Jesus' Name!

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"With JOY you will draw water from the WELLS of salvation."

Isaiah 12:3 (NIV)

T. Elwood Long

Called by My Name

is a worthy emphasis of prayer and fasting in which many International Pentecostal Holiness Churches are already participating or making plans to participate. We are cooperating with the "Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting" emphasis, a ministry of the National Association of Evangelicals Evangelism and Home Missions Association. I lift the majority of the article from their pamphlet, "Called by My Name."

I quote from the current pamphlet, "Called by My Name:

Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting

As the 21st century spreads insistently across the horizon, the National Association of Evangelicals is calling thousands of churches and tens of thousands of believers to prepare themselves for spiritual leadership in the new millennium. God's Word challenges us to take up the mantle of spiritual leadership in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "...If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from theft wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." God expects His people, those who are "Called by My Name" to lead the way to personal growth, church renewal and national revival. How? Through prayer and fasting.

Great things happen when God's people seek Him. The Bible is full of examples. Moses spent forty days alone with God on Mount Sinai to receive a vision for building a holy nation... Daniel came out of the lion's den with his life as a result of prayer and fasting...a widow named Anna spent her life in prayer and fasting that enabled her to become one of the first to recognize the Messiah... Jesus conquered temptations in the wilderness and set the course for His earthly ministry during forty days of prayer and fasting... Cornelius sought salvation for his household through prayer and fasting and became the first Gentile convert to Christianity. Then and now, God blesses spiritual leaders who seek Him through prayer and fasting.

Prayer is simply talking to God, listening to His Word and His Spirit as you do. Prayer does not change things, so much as it changes us – making us more open to God's will and ways. During the next forty days, give renewed daily attention to seeking God's mighty acts and blessings for yourself and others.

Fasting is the spiritual discipline of giving God priority over something else in your life for the privilege of spending more time with Him. Usually, it involves not eating for a certain period of time, such as one meal a day or one day out of a week. Persons who cannot fast for health reasons might choose to give up an hour of sleep, television or recreation instead. The main point is to commit yourself to an act of self-denial that frees time for spiritual purposes. Fasting creates a mood of seriousness about prayer. It increases sensitivity to the Holy Spirit...strengthens our resolve to obey God...heightens our desire for His presence...purifies our motives...and reminds us to pray without ceasing.

Prayer and fasting are not tricks to make one more "religious." They are not tools for getting God's attention or manipulating His favors. They are means of yielding our lives to the Lord. They are ways to let go of our plans and desires so that we can take hold of His. They are opportunities to say to our Savior, "Nothing is more important to me than knowing You and putting You first in my life."

The prayer calendar will help you balance and deepen your personal devotions. Suggested Bible readings will motivate you for personal spiritual growth and help you to pray according to God's will. Daily prayer reminders will provide focal points for effective intercession. Add your own requests to these thoughts and boldly take your needs before God. May the next forty days be filled with deep delight as you prepare yourself for spiritual leadership in the new millennium.

Planning Your Daily Time With God

Only God's people have the capacity to enjoy fellowship with Him. But friendships take time–especially a friendship with God! That is why "Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting" is so important. It is an opportunity for you to experience a new level of intimacy with God and to sharpen spiritual leadership skills for use in your home, church and community. Here are some ideas for making the next "Forty Days" more meaningful.

1. Be determined. Many interruptions and other priorities will seem more urgent than prayer at times. Treat your time alone with God as the most important appointment of your day.

2. Be deliberate. Decide on a specific time and place to meet the Lord. Decide beforehand the exact mealtime(s) or activities you will deny yourself in order to use the time they would have taken for prayer instead. Mark the times you will fast during the next forty days on your calendar as a personal reminder.

3. Be disciplined. Keep your thoughts from wandering by following an outline for your time with God. Use the ACTS prayer model, for example, spending a few minutes each in Adoration (telling God why you love Him), Confession (asking forgiveness for yourself and others and acknowledging ways you need the Lord), Thanksgiving (expressing praise and thanks to God), and Supplication (presenting requests to God).

4. Be detailed. God invites us to "cast all our cares on Him." Keep this guide in your Bible as a prayer reminder. Make your own prayer diary or daily list of specific requests and answers. Start a journal or write individual requests on a set of index cards.

We must prepare our people, God's people, for spiritual leadership and spiritual warfare for the New Millennium. A good start in that preparation is a call to prayer and fasting.

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❍ DAY 1	❍ DAY 2	❍ DAY 3
Prayer Focus–Pray for new sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's presence and power in your life **Scripture Focus**– Luke 11:11-13, John 14:15-17, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:10-15	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for God to help you pray "in the Spirit" **Scripture Focus**– Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for a growing love and concern for God's people everywhere **Scripture Focus**– Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10, 1 Peter 1:22
❍ DAY 4	**❍ DAY 5**	**❍ DAY 6**
Prayer Focus–Pray that God will increase holiness in your personal life **Scripture Focus**– John 17:16-19, Ephesians 4:22-32, Colossians 3:5-17	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for persecuted believers and ask God to protect His people from evil **Scripture Focus**– Matthew 6:13, John 17:11-15, Revelation 2:10	**Prayer Focus**–Pray that sincere love will characterize your church **Scripture Focus**– John 13:34-35, Galatians 5:22-24, 1 Peter 4:8
❍ DAY 7	**❍ DAY 8**	**❍ DAY 9**
Prayer Focus–Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower and protect pastors and evangelists **Scripture Focus**– Romans 15:30, 2 Corinthians 1:8-11, Ephesians 4:11-13	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower volunteers and workers in your church **Scripture Focus**– 1 Corinthians 15:58, Ephesians 3:14-21, Hebrews 6:10-12	**Prayer Focus**–Pray that your church will produce workers for world evangelization **Scripture Focus**– Acts 13:1-3, Ephesians 4:11-13, 2 Timothy 4:1-5
❍ DAY 10	**❍ DAY 11**	**❍ DAY 12**
Prayer Focus–Pray for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit on those who proclaim the Gospel **Scripture Focus**– Joel 2:28-32, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 3:7-9	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for more believers to answer God's call to full-time Christian service **Scripture Focus**– Matthew 9:35-38, Ephesians 3:7-9, 1 Timothy 1:12-14	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for unsaved friends, relatives or neighbors to respond to the Spirit's convicting work in their lives **Scripture Focus**– Psalm 38:4, John 16:7-11, Acts 2:36-41

❍ DAY 13	❍ DAY 14	❍ DAY 15
Prayer Focus–Pray for the youth and children in your church and neighborhood **Scripture Focus**– Psalm 78:1-8, Ecclesiastes 12:1, Matthew 19:13-15	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for those who struggle with doubt about God's power over circumstances **Scripture Focus**– Genesis 18:13-15, Jeremiah 32:17 and 27, Mark 11:22-24, John 14:12-14	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for world leaders who will be sympathetic to the Gospel **Scripture Focus**– 2 Samuel 23:1-4, Romans 13:1-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-4
❍ DAY 16	**❍ DAY 17**	**❍ DAY 18**
Prayer Focus–Pray for peace everywhere for God's people **Scripture Focus**– Psalm 46:8-10, John 16:33, Ephesians 2:13-18	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for others who know Christ "in name only" to encounter Him personally **Scripture Focus**– Matthew 7:21-23, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Revelation 3:1-3	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for the millions who have never heard or understood Christ's Gospel **Scripture Focus**– Romans 1:18-23, Ephesians 1:17-18, Hebrews 3:12-15
❍ DAY 19	**❍ DAY 20**	**❍ DAY 21**
Prayer Focus–Pray for those who teach children, youth, and collegians **Scripture Focus**– 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Titus 2:1-15, James 3:1	**Prayer Focus** that new believers will grow in their faith and obedience to Christ **Scripture Focus**– 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 3:14-19 Colossians 4:12	**Prayer Focus**–Pray that people in your community will develop interest in God's Word **Scripture Focus**– Isaiah 55:10-11, Colossians 4:2-6, 1 Peter 3:15-16
❍ DAY 22	**❍ DAY 23**	**❍ DAY 24**
Prayer Focus–Pray for God's healing power in your church and community **Scripture Focus**– 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 103:1-5, James 5:14-16	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for those who are victims of injustice **Scripture Focus**– Timothy 3:10-13, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 2:19-24	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for those who are suffering **Scripture Focus**– Matthew 25:31-46, Romans 8:16-21, Hebrews 13:3

❍ DAY 25	❍ DAY 26	❍ DAY 27
Prayer Focus– Pray for those who are blinded by sin **Scripture Focus**– Isaiah 59:9-13, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Ephesians 4:17-19	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for those who are ensnared by all kinds of addictions **Scripture Focus**– Psalm 9:15-16, 1 Corinthians 10:13, James 1:13-15	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for those who approach life with a non-Christian world view **Scripture Focus**– Proverbs 14:12, John 3:19, Ephesians 2:11-13
❍ DAY 28	**❍ DAY 29**	**❍ DAY 30**
Prayer Focus–Pray for those who are oppressed by demonic forces **Scripture Focus**– Acts 26:15-18, Ephesians 6:10-13, 2 Thessalonians 2:7-14	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for those who are deceived by cults and false teachers **Scripture Focus**– Acts 20:29-31, 1 Timothy 4:1-6, Titus 1:10-11, 2 Peter 2:1-10	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for believers who have become disobedient to God **Scripture Focus**– Malachi 3:7-12, Matthew 24:12-13, Hebrews 10:35-39, Revelation 2:4-5
❍ DAY 31	**❍ DAY 32**	**❍ DAY 33**
Prayer Focus–Pray for those disillusioned by a hurtful church experience or failed leaders **Scripture Focus**– Malachi 2:7-8, Matthew 23:13, Romans 14:13	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for unity among God's people **Scripture Focus**– John 17:20-21, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 4:1-6	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for those whose worldly cares make them insensitive to spiritual needs **Scripture Focus**– Proverbs 21:17, Matthew 13:18-23, Luke 21:34-36

❍ DAY 34	❍ DAY 35	❍ DAY 36
Prayer Focus–Pray for the conversion to Christ of whole families in your community **Scripture Focus**– Joshua 24:14-15, John 4:46-53, Acts 16:29-33	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for personal opportunities to share your faith with others **Scripture Focus**– Proverbs 11:30, Luke 24:45-49, 1 Corinthians 16:8-9, 1 Peter 3:15-16	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for spiritual leaders at all levels of your church government **Scripture Focus**– 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, 1 Timothy 5:17-20, Hebrews 13:17-19
❍ DAY 37	**❍ DAY 38**	**❍ DAY 39**
Prayer Focus–Pray for the strengthening of marriages and families in your church **Scripture Focus**– Ephesians 5:21-33, Colossians 3:18-21, 1 Peter 3:1-2 and 7	**Prayer Focus**–Pray that God will raise up leaders for new churches in your area **Scripture Focus**– Jeremiah 3:15 and 23:3-4, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 6:6-13	**Prayer Focus**–Pray for a deep cleansing of your heart and renewed zeal for holy living **Scripture Focus**– Psalm 69:6-13 and 139:23-24, 2 Timothy 1:5-7, 1 Peter 1:13-16
❍ DAY 40		
Prayer Focus–Pray that Christ will be lifted up and glorified in church services this Lord's Day **Scripture Focus**– John 2:31-32, Romans 10:8-11, Philippians 2:5-11		

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting Chart

CHURCH NEWS

Superannuated Birthdays

September 1 ..... Rev. W. M. Cordon
September 5..... Rev. Garland Murray
September 5 ..... Rev. George Weaver
September 6 ..... Rev. Vernon Clark
September 7..... Rev. Elmer Mooring
September 11 ..... Rev. Roy Williams
September 13 ..... Rev. N. Doner Lucas
September 13..... Rev. Johnie Pollard
September 15..... Rev. Ralph Jernigan
September 17 ..... Rev. Jimmy C. Williams
September 23..... Rev. Lester Ormond
September 26..... Rev. Melvin Narron

Being a witness to a dark world is the Christian's number one priority, according to the Bible that is. We at Harkers Island P.H.C. want to be a witness to our community 24 hours a day. After much prayer on the subject of how to reach the community, the pastor, Michael Walker, felt impressed of the Holy Spirit to respond to an ad he had seen in one of his pastoral periodicals he receives. After debating the issue with his deacon board and then upon a church vote, the decision was made to purchase a new sign by the J.M. Stewart Corp. of Sarasota, FL. The foundation was then laid and the sign put in place. The Harkers Island P.H.C. is proud of its decision and the beauty the new sign adds to the church property. Every week a new message is presented on the sign for passersby to review and reflect upon. "It is the goal of our church to obey the great commission and promote a high standard of holiness on this island," says the pastor. "Having this sign out on the main road will help us reach people with the Gospel, who would otherwise never come to hear it on their own," he adds. Pray for Harkers Island P.H.C. as it continues to occupy until He comes.

Pastor
Michael A. Walker

Michael and Jennifer Oliver, itinerating missionaries to Israel, are happy to announce the arrival of Ethan Joseph Oliver. Born on July 21, Ethan weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Please pray for them as the coming months will be filled with parenting and preparations to enter the field.

Irene Colston & Cullen Gurganus, II
Rebecca & Keith Johnson
Laura Baxley
Bryan & Teddi Hancock
Angela & Gary Jackson
and Joshua, Chelsea, Cassi, Amanda, Jessica, Channing, Caden

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MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners in Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- September .....**Teamshare Month**
- October 3 .....**Pastor Appreciation**
- November.....**Send the Light Month**

Hurricane Season–Your Family Disaster Plan - The American Red Cross has two excellent pamphlets that each family in your church should have. (1) Your Family Disaster Plan - This is a simple and complete quick read on emergency supplies, safety, utilities, and evacuation. It will help you create your own family disaster plan. (2) The pamphlet **Against The Wind** deals with protecting your home from hurricane wind damage. Just a thought...why not arrange with the local American Red Cross office nearest you to obtain these two pamphlets and give one to each family in your church? **It's a Men's Ministries thing to do!**

"Storm of Tears" - Recently a copy of the video tape **"Storm of Tears"** was sent to each church. The video deals with the recent tornadoes that devastated areas of Oklahoma and Kansas. This is one special film that every man needs to see. If your chapter has not seen it (it's about 12 minutes in length) then give us a call and we'll get a copy to you. 1-910-323-4777...Men's Ministries.

Pastor Appreciation - Here is one special area that you and the men of your church will not want to miss. The theme this year for Pastor Appreciation is **"Walking Together, The People and The Pastor."** The recommended date for Pastor Appreciation is October 3, but other dates are used depending on the needs of the local church. In our **Pastor Appreciation Packet** this year there are a number of materials that will help you develop and carry out an outstanding event. The packet includes materials on what to do for the family and the spouse also. Costs for the packet is $9.95. Give us a call and we'll get you out a packet immediately. **Recommendation: to really make this special recognition work, do it jointly with Women's Ministries.**

Coming Your Way...TEAMShare

The term **TEAMShare** means **Together Evangelizing All Men**. Each year about this time the National Office of Men's Ministries sends a note out to request commitments on prayer and financial support to help enable our Men's Ministries program to not only continue, but to expand and reach into new areas where the needs of mobilizing, equipping, and training men can be met. Please get the word out and when you and your men receive the appeal... let's respond with both prayer and financial support!

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

LINES FROM LINDA...

"Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold."

I was recently watching one of the Gaither videos on which many of the Southern Gospel old-timers were singing a song entitled *"Old Friends."* When I view any of these videos, I feel that I am visiting with old friends. Years ago, my sisters and I sang as *The Morris Sisters Trio*, and we had the opportunity to do concerts with many of the people who are featured in that video. I recently read Vestal Goodman's book, *Vestal*, and remembered what a blessing it was to be backstage with her. In that book, she tells how excited she was when Bill Gaither invited the groups to do that first video and what a thrill it was to be reunited with those old friends with whom they had ministered in song years earlier.

We all have special friends. As a matter of fact, I have just returned home from a few days off with three of my forever friends. Elaine, Sarah Alice, Thalia and I all started school together at Vanceboro Elementary School. Through our twelve years of school, we remained friends and graduated together at Farm Life High School in 1960. Following graduation, we went our separate ways. We were scattered at one time to Georgia, Texas and California. We seldom saw each other or even corresponded, but our friendship did not cease. In spite of the fact that in recent years we have all ended up living within thirty miles of each other, we still might go months without visiting. However, for the past several years, we have made it a priority to spend several days together each summer. The amazing thing is that, when we are together, it seems we have never been apart. Our friendship is solid and built on many shared experiences and values. These ladies are truly gold to me.

I have other friends that I never see. We exchange Christmas cards and a note once a year. There are some people who hold special places in my heart, yet I do not even know where they are now. I still consider them my friends.

I have been blessed in every season of my life to expand friendships. During the recent years of serving in NCWM leadership, I have met so many wonderful people. I can think of so many who have been a blessing to me, but I want to share one in particular. Most anyone who attends any function in Falcon knows Peggy Dickson from the Tarboro First Church. Peggy is truly dedicated to the Lord and to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. You'll see her wiping tables, scrubbing the floor or whatever is needed during camp meeting week. You'll find her on the front row of most any service held at the Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle. She volunteers for the most mundane tasks and seems to enjoy every minute of it. Peggy has become a dear friend to me. I can always count on getting a warm and sincere hug when we meet. She always lets me know that she appreciates me. Late on Sunday nights, I look forward to Peggy's phone calls. Many of our conversations are practically repeats of what we have said during our last conversation, but she is excited to share with me and always ends the call with "I love you." I love Peggy, too. She is genuine. What you see is what you get! Peggy is more precious than silver to me.

I have young friends and aged ones. I have friends of various races and ethnic backgrounds. I have friends who are wealthy and friends who are poor. I have friends who are handicapped and friends who are gifted. God has truly blessed me with the great treasure of friendships, and I am thankful for each one.

As I watched that *"Old Friends"* video, I thought about how special it will be to gather in Heaven with those people who have impacted our lives so wonderfully here on earth. We can have a grand old time in the presence of Jesus. Most of my friends are Christians, but I do have some who are not saved. I certainly want to be the kind of friend who influences them to accept Christ as their Savior. Whether "silver" or "gold" friends, it will be exciting to meet them at that great reunion in Heaven.

FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME HARVEST TRAIN ...

Are you collecting commodities for FCH Harvest Train???? The 50th Annual Harvest Train will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 1999. Rev. Wiley Clark and the staff at the home are expecting YOU to help make this the best one ever. Items you are encouraged to collect during September are:

Canned Goods (#10 cans and small cans)
Tea Bags
Sugar
Shortening
Cooking Oil
Salt
Pepper
Pancake Syrup
Salad Dressing
Mustard
Catsup
Mayonnaise
Fruit Juice
Spaghetti Sauce
Spices
Kool-Aid
Automatic Dish Washer Detergent
Dish Washing Liquid
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Bleach
Hair Brushes
Laundry Detergent

Make a collection center in a conspicuous place in your church and actively solicit these items. You might even get a business in your area to donate a carton or large quantity to this cause.

COUPLES RETREAT COMING UP...

Couples from all over the North Carolina Conference will meet at Myrtle Beach, SC, November 12 through 14 for the 7th Annual NCWM Couples Retreat. The retreat begins Friday night with *Christmas in Dixie* at Alabama Theatre. This is a holiday extravaganza of Christmas music, both gospel and traditional. Saturday and Sunday morning seminars will be held at Ripley's

Couples Retreat is always exciting. Last year's group enjoyed a dinner cruise in the waters of the North Carolina coast.

Sea Aquarium. A glide path takes you through a 330-foot acrylic tube that winds through a watery world of beautiful, exotic and dangerous sea life. Seminars will be led by Rev. Tim Marriner and his wife, Cathy. You will enjoy this very talented couple and can look forward to beautiful music and spiritual instruction.

Vernon and Margaret Potter of The Capital Church in Raleigh enjoyed last year's Couples Retreat in Wilmington, NC.

Saturday afternoon is free time to explore the city and be a "couple" on your own. The retreat ends on Sunday at noon.

Please call 919-832-8170 or 919-772-7315 for a brochure or information. Space is very limited, so please call soon. Cathy Ward and Cathy Arthur serve as co-chairmen of this event, along with their husbands Terry Ward and Kevin Arthur.

FUNDRAISING IDEA FROM THE CAPITAL...

Diane Blalock, WM Director of The Capital Church in Raleigh, issues an invitation to attend their annual fundraising event. They will have their 3rd Annual Fall Festival at the church on Saturday, September 18th, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. They will have crafts, quilts, and other auction items in addition to their favorite theme baskets. You will not want to miss the Christmas Room. There will also be lots of homemade cakes and pies and home-cooked barbecue.

Diane says, "This is a great opportunity for WM groups to visit and see how their group could make money for their projects."

MOMENTS OF JOY

On July 23, 1999, the Annual Minister's Wives Fellowship banquet was held in the beautifully decorated private dining room in the Cafeteria building at Falcon, North Carolina.

All the ladies attending were filled with excitement as they checked the memos placed on each table. You could choose your seating location based on such preferences as: "If you like Pink, sit here," or "Everyone who likes angels, sit here." "Everyone who is a gardener, sit here." "Everyone who likes to send cards, sit here." "Everyone who needs a friend, sit here." Finally there was a table for aspiring musicians which read, "Everyone who does not play piano, sit here."

This method of seating guaranteed that each person present would have something in common with others at their table.

Very nice door prizes were awarded and some of these corresponded with table themes.

The meeting was centered on the topic, MOMENTS OF JOY. It was evident our committee planned for everyone present to be JOYFUL, and we were.

We were each served a delicious, colorful salad and fruit plate for dinner.

We each completed the following statement: "Being a Minister or a Minister's Wife affords me the joy _____ ." These were all placed together on a large poster.

Mrs. Marilyn Davis gave the devotion based on Proverbs 17:22 "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

MERRY HEARTS prevailed as laughter erupted from table after table as ladies shared funny things that had happened to them during their lives of ministry.

Mrs. Faye Leggett and Mrs. Janice Marshburn demonstrated how minister's wives can be unduly criticized trying to live up to expectations of parishioners. Their skit "The New Minister's Wife and the Head Deacon's Wife" was not only practical but hilarious as well. Such things as whether a minister's wife could play the piano etc. revealed how stressful expectations can be on the spouse of a minister.

We were all challenged to...

Bloom where we are planted.
Excel in the Ministry God gives to each of us.
Always be yourself. Hold your heads high with confidence in the Lord.
Be compassionate.
Be committed.
Be forgiving.
Be joyful.
Be supportive of your mate.

We all left the meeting with a positive sense of Joy and a burning desire to do more for Jesus Christ where He has chosen for us to serve.

We tip our hats in appreciation to the M.W.F. Committee, Janice Marshburn, Karen Barnhill and Marilyn Davis for such a delightful banquet. Special appreciation is extended to Mrs. Sylvia Long, our Conference M.W.F. Director for all the support she gives the Minister's Spouses. It was a special treat and pleasure to have our Bishop's wife, Mrs. Faye Leggett, at home with us for this occasion.

We consider ourselves richly blessed to have such a wonderful group of ladies to share the joys and burdens of our mates in ministry. Many times through our input we see lives changed and homes blessed. There are unique and wonderful ministry rewards for both the minister and the spouse.

Mrs. Roland (Phyllis) Harrell
N.C.W.M. Board Member
Minister's Wives Liaison

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

D. Chris Thompson with Rev. W. J. Forehand

Rev. W. J. (Jim) Forehand was honored with a special plaque at the Evangelists' Luncheon at Camp Meeting. Brother Forehand decided to be superannuated at Conference this year. He has done a fantastic job the last five years as a N. C. Conference Evangelist. WELL DONE! He will continue to preach and hold meetings. His schedule will be cut back. A "preacher of the Gospel" never retires. May the Lord bless you, Brother Forehand.

We congratulate the Genesis Hispanic Church for recently celebrating their 3rd anniversary. The anniversary celebration was held July 17th, 7:00 p.m. on a Saturday night. Pastor Francisco Concepcion had an excellent program planned. Superintendent Long did the preaching. Anglo Genesis pastor Vernon Potter began the service. Here are two pastors and two churches who have worked well together to build the kingdom of God. May God bless these pastors and churches and add to their number. Some 100-plus attended the special service.

The Genesis Hispanic Church

Front Row L to R: Rev. Barry Nall, Rev. Bobby West, Rev. Tony Hawley. Back Row L to R: Rev. Leroy Evans, Rev. Merrill Davis, Rev. Tommy McLaurin. Rev. Maurice Phelps was absent when the picture was made.

Seven pastors were recognized with special plaques at Conference this year. These Anglo pastors have been used by the Lord to start Hispanic churches within their facilities. We commend them and praise the Lord for their action in reaching out to the Hispanics in their communities.

Those recognized were (front row, left to right) Rev. Barry Nall - Grace Family Fellowship; Rev. Bobby West - Snow Hill; Rev. Tony Hawley - Stantonsburg; (back row, left to right) Rev. Leroy Evans - Snow Hill; Rev. Merrill Davis - Wilson First; and Rev. Tommy McLaurin - Wallace. Rev. Maurice Phelps - Glad Tidings was absent when the picture was made.

The N. C. Conference presently has 23 Hispanic churches. Most of these are using Anglo church facilities. God has blessed our churches. Thank the Lord many are sharing their blessings with others.

BREAKING BARRIER CONFERENCES

November 1-4, 1999

Guest Speaker: DR. OWEN WESTON

Monday, November 1	7:00 PM	50	Falcon Training Center
Tuesday, November 2	9:30 AM	200	The First Church, Goldsboro
	7:00 PM	100	Greenville First
Wednesday, November 3	9:30 AM	800	The First Church
	1:30 PM	400	The First Church
Thursday, November 4	9:30 AM	100	Falcon Training Center
	7:00 PM	50	Greenville First

1999 "GO" OFFERING

The cash and pledges for the 1999 "GO" Offering stand at $220,088.37. Some churches are yet to report. This is the greatest "GO" Offering ever for the N.C. Conference. The goal was $210,000.00. Last year the Conference collected $200,739.00. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and the sacrificial work of so many who made this offering possible.

Presently some over 1,500 special globes have been given out to those who gave a day's wage. These globes are still available at the office.

FALL MISSIONS F.E.S.T.S.

Thursday, October 14th - 6:30 p.m. - Berne Restaurant, New Bern
Friday, October 15th - 6:30 p.m. - Rocky Mount Area
Saturday, October 16th - 8:00 p.m. - Falcon Training Center

A NEW WORK - BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

by Ryan Jackson

For at least four hundred years, Belgium has been subjected to spiritual darkness. Even when the flames of spiritual awakening were spreading all over Europe during the Great Reformation, the fire was snuffed out in Belgium as quickly as it had begun. Since that time, this tiny country in northwestern Europe has been ravished by regimes of men who sought to rule the world.

Despite this, Belgium has risen to a position of influence on the European political and economic scenes. Often called the crossroads of Europe, its capital, Brussels, has been chosen as the capital of the European Union and serves as host for the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treat Organization (NATO). As nations from around the globe converge in this small city for some of the most important political and economic decisions made in our time, it is no wonder that Brussels has been targeted as a place of spiritual importance.

While there are only a few churches in Belgium, God has not passed over this part of the world. Hundreds of missionaries have come into the country and churches are being planted there to the praise of His glory! At the beginning of this year, the IPHC partnered with one of these new churches to bring the light of Christ to this nation.

The church, Praise Center, was planted about three years ago and has grown to nearly 150 people in attendance. It is located in one of the most prestigious areas of the city and is surrounded by embassies, consulates, and diplomats from around the world. The irony is that God has given the church an incredible ministry to hundreds of political refugees who have poured into the country due to hardship in their own land.

The church also sponsors a Bible school where I had the privilege to teach for several months. This training center is a vital part of our efforts to equip our people for the work of the ministry. Dozens of students have matured and have been prepared for kingdom work there. Many have moved from spectators to participants, from the perimeter to the center of what God is doing. The fruit of their studies is evidenced in their increased participation and initiative in joining existing outreaches and designing new methods of reaching the lost especially suited to their own gifts.

Led by pastor Bert Phagan and his incredibly talented family, the church there is reflecting the life and light of Jesus to a spiritually darkened land. As He is glorified in that place, we are expecting the hearts of the Belgians to be turned back to God in abundant harvests of souls. Thousands of Christians all over the city have been involved in concerts of prayer asking God to tear down walls of division among the races, among ethnic groups, and among the churches and to send a new wave of His Spirit there. God is honoring those prayers and we are beginning to see His hand at work in new and exciting ways. The pastor is leading the church in his vision to reach 1,000 people with the Gospel before the year 2,000. To God be the glory!

I want to thank you who have helped me fulfill Jesus' great commandment. Without your help, I could not have been a part of the work there. Let's keep proclaiming His Word and keep reaping His harvest while we have the opportunity. I encourage you to keep "going into all the world" and if you are unable to go yourself, to keep sending into all the world as you have sent me and many others. By all means, keep praying over all the world so that together we can be about our Father's business until "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Special Note: Praise the Lord for Rev. Ryan Jackson. Ryan is a member of the N.C. Conference.

His hometown and church is in Saint Pauls (Pastor Ray Faircloth). He presently is in Masters School in England. This summer he served as S.O.W. worker in Brussels. He will be traveling each week across the channel to Brussels to work in the church. He will need travel funds. Churches may help with his travel by sending funds to the Conference Office earmarked Ryan Jackson. These are counted as missions funds.

D. Chris Thompson

By Merrill Davis
Pastor / Teacher
Wilson First PHC

Grace: The Truth, Growth and Different Degrees. Morgan, Pennsylvania, 1997. By Christopher Love. 173 pp. $24.95

Grace, although simple in concept, seems to be an illusive subject for many Christians. Do we truly understand grace and all of its ramifications? Love (1618-1651) was a prominent London minister, a Puritan, who was highly regarded by his peers. The book contains 15 sermons on grace using I Kings 14:13 as its premise. Full of doctrinal truths and practical applications, I believe it is one of the best books written on grace that I have ever read. You cheat yourself being deprived of the contents and the spirit of this publication. It will bless your life tremendously and speak to your heart. For example, Love stated, "A child of God may be tossed by reason of corruption and temptation in a troublesome sea, but that ship shall never be shipwrecked whereof Christ is the pilot, the Scriptures the compass, the promises the tacklings, hope the anchor, faith the cable, the Holy Spirit the winds, and holy affections the sails, which are filled thus with the gales of the Spirit." Happy reading!

Hope Again; When Life Hurts and Dreams Fade. Dallas, 1996. By Charles R. Swindoll. 283 pp.

Encouraging believers to take the long view of life, Swindoll in historical fashion presents the truths found in I Peter that are greatly needed in the present spiritual climate. Have you ever seen so many people hurting and agonizing with heart wrenching problems? The Devil seeks to hurl believers against the rocks of hopelessness. More than we want to admit, many live on the edge, existing from day to day, not knowing whether they can survive another crisis or temptation before throwing in the towel. The author offers helpful insights covering such subjects as failure, suffering, temptation, guilt, unfairness, marriage, immaturity, trials and culture. When life is at low ebb, the Lord Jesus will restore us and help us to look ahead towards a better and brighter day. We can gracefully endure trials, overcome temptations and life's disappointments, rebuild life after a failure, and find joy in all circumstances. A most profitable read!

Letter from Diane Bunn...

I thank the Lord for the NC Conference P.H. Church. It has blessed me many times in my life. I was saved when I was seven years old at the Friendship P.H. Church in Wilson, where my father, Rev. Emmett Earl Turner, was pastor.

I remember one particular service we had when Brother Tim B. Henry laid his hands on me and prayed for me and told my parents and me that the Lord had a work for me to do. All my life, I've tried to find out what it was the Lord had for me to do. I've always tried to do anything I was called on to do for the Lord. Each time a new opportunity would present itself, I would say to myself, "Lord, is this it?" It seemed that I would never know what that was.

Then on November 14, 1998, I was blessed to attend the Children's Prayer Conference at Falcon (presented by missionaries Elizabeth Rogers and Althea Meyer). I knew when I left Falcon that day, that I had found what the Lord wanted me to do. I came home and shared with my family and my church what the Lord had done for me that day. The next day, the Lord gave me the assurance of what He wanted me to do. He gave me I Timothy 4:6-16, where it speaks of putting the brethren in remembrance of the things we have learned and not to neglect "the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

After that Saturday in November 1998, we started a ministry in our church to help teach our children to pray. We call it HAPPY - Helping Anchor Prayer and Praise in our Youth. We meet once a month, usually on a Saturday night. All ages come together as the adults work with the youth for a time of fellowship and worship. We spend the first hour with a meal and a craft that is related to what we're learning. The last hour we spend with scripture, singing, praising, and most importantly, praying.

At our last meeting, for example, we started making treasure chests and later talked about what a treasure it is to feel the presence of the Lord. We've used some of the visual aids we saw at the prayer conference. This year I was blessed to attend the WIN Prayer Conference and plan to use some of the things I learned there (such as prayer walking) in meetings.

Thank you N.C. Conference for the Light you continue to shine in my life. I hope in some way I can give back something for all the many wonderful things that the Lord has done for me.

Diane Bunn

Diane is the daughter of Rev. Emmett Turner, pastor of the Friendship P.H. Church in Wilson, N.C.

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David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

Shining Lights

This is the time of year when many of our young people enter institutions of higher learning. Some attend Bible schools and seminaries, planning to enter some field of ministry. Others enroll in colleges and universities to prepare for a career in business, law, education, medicine, and so on. It is important that we realize that all these fields need ***light***!

We in the church have tended to make a distinction between the secular and the sacred, assuming that what is termed ***secular*** employment is somehow less important to God than that which is termed ***sacred***. Although God does call some to full-time labor in His field, we are ***all*** "called" of God - called to be disciples, called to be witnesses, called to be evangelists. All are ***called*** to let their light shine wherever they find themselves. Matthew 5 records that Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A ***city on a hill*** cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone..." (NIV)

A ***Christian*** teacher is not just one who teaches in a Christian school; it is a ***Christian*** who teaches in ***any*** school. A ***Christian*** lawyer is not just one who defends churches from lawsuits; it is ***any*** lawyer who is a dedicated ***Christian***. The designation "***Christian*** businessman" includes not only those who operate Christian bookstores or Church supply houses; it includes ***any*** Christian in ***any*** business. And so on. Paul, the beloved apostle, wrote in Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." So, there ***are*** no "secular" occupations; we are to do ***everything*** we do "as working for the Lord, not for men."

"Letting your light shine" means more than just not being ashamed of your faith; it involves an element of risk. If others know you are a Christian, they may challenge you. They may question your beliefs. They may attack your faith, the very values by which you were raised. If you ***hide*** your faith, you are never called upon to ***defend*** your faith. If you ***conceal*** your faith, you never have to ***fight*** for it.

A city on a hill was, in a sense, a challenge to the enemy. Christians ought to be out there in every field of human endeavor, shining our light, casting a challenge into the face of the enemy. We ought to be saying to the world, "We are here, we are many, we are strong, and we are not going away. Deal with us."

No matter what area of life the young people of your family or church are entering, remind them that they represent Jesus Christ, and that His instructions are plain: Stand up and be counted. Let everyone know who you are without shame and without fear. Don't grudgingly admit that you are a Christian when backed into a corner; rather, make sure everyone around you knows that you are ***His***. Be a ***shining light*** in a dark world!

On Saturday night of Falcon Camp Meeting, the ***Karl W. Bunkley Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award*** was presented for the first time in the North Carolina Conference. The recipient this year was ***Donald Robert McLean***, of the Maranatha P.H. Church. His pastor, Rev. Marty Warren, wrote: "Bro. Don is one of the finest Bible teachers that I have ever had the privilege to sit under... (He) is an anointed teacher who faithfully serves in the area of ministry that God has placed him." Mrs. Patsy Dease, who nominated him, said, "Not only does Don have devotion to God; he has a genuine love for others... He is an encourager... The class members love and respect him." ***Congratulations, Brother McLean!***

From Left: Director Wheeler, Don McLean, Mrs. McLean, Pastor Warren

Finally, from Ms. Diane Bunn comes this testimonial. "On November 14, 1998, I was blessed to attend the Children's Prayer Conference presented by missionaries Elizabeth Rogers and Althea Meyer. I knew when I left Falcon that day, I had found what the Lord wanted me to do. After that Saturday in 1998 we started a ministry in our church to help teach our children to pray. We called it HAPPY "Helping Anchor Prayer and Praise in our Youth." We meet once a month; all ages come together as the adults work with the youth for a time of fellowship and worship. We spend the first hour with a meal and a craft that is related to what we're learning. We spend the last hour with scripture, singing, praising, and prayer. This year I was also blessed to attend the W.I.N. Prayer Conference and plan to use some of the things I learned there in the meetings.

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"Then saith he unto his disciples,

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37, 38

From the Superintendent

T. Elwood Long

The Lord has graciously and copiously placed within our ranks many special people. Of course every contribution in every way is valuable. However, there are those among us whose influential presence lives long after they have been promoted to their eternal reward. One such couple of historical importance to bless this conference and denomination was the Reverend and Mrs. A. H. Butler. Their first daughter, Mary Louise, has provided an additional method through which her ministry and that of her parents will live on perpetually. Her will provides the Butler Ministerial Scholarship Trust. Ministerial students from the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church may secure additional information and an application by writing to the conference superintendent.

ALMAN HOLMES BUTLER (The Reverend A. H. Butler)

ALMAN HOLMES BUTLER was born on June 3, 1875, the son of John Wesley Butler and Elizabeth (Betsy) Catherine Parsons Butler, on the Butler family farm in Sampson County, North Carolina. Rev. Butler was educated at the Belvoir School and Glenco Academy, and received his college preparatory and college education at Salemburg College and Dunn Academy. He taught for six years in the schools of Sampson, Bladen, and Harnett counties before entering the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1895.

Rev. Butler was attracted to the growing Holiness movement of the late 1890s and early 1900s. He was ordained in the ministry of the Holiness Church in November 1903, not long after his marriage to Gatsie Louise Stanton of La Grange, North Carolina. Living in Goldsboro and later Kinston but deeply involved in the church regionally, Rev. Butler served on conference bodies that oversaw the re-adoption of the name Pentecostal Holiness Church and investigated union with the Fire-Baptized Baptist Church. In January 1911, Rev. Butler presided at the convention in Falcon, North Carolina, that approved the union of those two bodies as the Pentecostal Holiness Church; a monument at the restored Tabernacle in Falcon commemorates this event. After residing in Goldsboro and Kinston, the Butlers settled in Falcon in 1921. Rev. and Mrs. Butler raised seven children.

Rev. Butler served as Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church for 15 years. He also served as Assistant General Superintendent, member of the General Board, and member of the Foreign Missions Board. Rev. Butler was Secretary of the Board of Trustees for The Falcon Orphanage and participated in negotiations that resulted in annual appropriations to the home from the Duke Endowment.

Rev. Butler was an organizer of churches throughout the southeastern United States; served pastorates in eastern North Carolina cities and counties; participated in numerous camp meetings; and was a general Christian evangelist in the eastern United States and Canada. His ministry covered a period of 68 years.

Rev. Butler died on February 5, 1963, and is buried in Falcon in the church cemetery behind his home and across the street from the Pentecostal Holiness Church conference meeting grounds.

GATSIE LOUISE STANTON BUTLER (Mrs. A. H. Butler)

GATSIE LOUISE STANTON BUTLER was born on January 27, 1881, in La Grange, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Dallas Mifflin (D. M.) Stanton, a successful businessman, and Mary Elizabeth Scarborough Stanton. The Stantons were a prominent family of La Grange. Gatsie Stanton was educated at the Kinsey School for Girls and the Kinsey Seminary for Girls, and in the La Grange schools, before attending and graduating from State Normal and Industrial College for Women (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro).

In 1903, during a revival meeting conducted by the then-leading Holiness Church evangelist A. B. Crumpler, Miss Stanton served as organist for some of the services, attending the services over the objection of her father – the Stantons were mainline Protestants who did not totally approve of the advocates of sanctification and holiness as represented by Rev. Crumpler. It was at the La Grange revival that Miss Stanton met one of Rev. Crumpler's young assistants, Rev. Alman H. Butler. Miss Stanton and Rev. Butler were married later that year.

After living in Goldsboro and later Kinston, the Butlers eventually settled in 1921 in Falcon, North Carolina, the scene of several notable events in Rev. Butler's life of service in the

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Pentecostal Holiness Church. Already the parents of six children, their seventh and last child was born that same year of 1921. Mrs. Butler was a long-time member of Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Falcon. Having given up a rather privileged life in La Grange to marry and live in support of a young and often financially-challenged minister, Mrs. Butler remained at all times devoted to her home and family. She was considered exceptional in her intellect, musicianship, and creativity, and was widely known for her outstanding Christian character and influence as well as her spiritual depth, community service, and scholastic interests.

Rev. and Mrs. Butler celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Falcon in 1953. Mrs. Butler died on January 8, 1955, and is buried in the church cemetery behind the Butler home in Falcon.

MARY LOUISE BUTLER EDWARDS

MARY LOUISE BUTLER EDWARDS was born September 12, 1906, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, the first daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Butler. She was educated in the Kinston and Falcon public schools, and received her A.B. degree from East Carolina Teacher's College (now East Carolina University). She later studied at Columbia University in New York and the University of Georgia at Athens, and took an M.Ed. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mary Louise Butler taught in the public schools of Clinton, Burlington and Greensboro, and later and for the longest of her teaching tenures, in the Charlotte public schools. She taught various subjects, but her concentration and passion in teaching was American history. Her interest in American history was mirrored personally in a lifelong devotion to family genealogy. She published two family genealogies, *A Butler Family History: William Butler/John W. Butler (Of Sampson County, North Carolina) and Their Descendants*, and *From the Family Tree...The Stantons/The Butlers*. In addition, she published a church history, *Yea, I Have a Goodley Heritage – The History of Salem United Methodist Church.*

Mary Louise Butler was a member of the David Williams chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Gabriel Johnston Chapter of the Colonial Dames, the Sampson County Historical Society, and the Charlotte Music Club. She served three terms on the Archives and History Commission of the N. C. Conference of the United Methodist Church, and was a long-time member of the Hay Street United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where she chaired the committee that created that church's Records and History Room.

Retiring from her teaching career in Charlotte in the early 1970s, Mary Louise Butler in 1974 married David Phillip Edwards Sr., a successful Fayetteville building contractor whose roots were in Falcon. Mrs. Edwards lived the next twenty years in Fayetteville, including her final decade alone following Mr. Edwards' death in 1984. Mrs. Edwards continued working on family genealogy and retained a keen interest in family, civic, and religious matters until her death in Fayetteville in 1994. She is buried with her parents in the cemetery behind the family home in Falcon. Mrs. Edwards was devoted to her whole family but particularly to her parents and, in her will, established the Butler Ministerial Scholarship Trust to provide grants to ministerial students in honor of the Reverend Alman Holmes Butler and his wife Gatsie Louise Stanton Butler.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Lay Leaders/ Conference Superintendent Training
Wilmington District
Tuesday, November 9, 1999, 7 p.m.
Wilmington First Church

Lay Leaders/Conference Superintendent Training
Wilson District
Thursday, November 11, 1999, 7 p.m.
Shiloh Church

C.E.U's are available for clergy who attend.

Couple's Retreat
Myrtle Beach
Friday - Sunday, November 12-14

Harvest Train for Falcon Children's Home
Tuesday, November 23

DECEMBER

November 29 through December 10
Ministers and Spouses District Christmas Dinners
(See details in mail from Evangelism Director, D. Chris Thompson)

Superannuated Ministers and Spouses Christmas Luncheon
Tuesday, December 7
(See details in mail from the Conference Superintendent and Royal Elders President, Rev. J. Doner Lee)

All Conference Boards Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Cafeteria Training Center Dining Hall at RDC, Falcon

CHURCH NEWS

Superannuated Birthdays for October

Rev. Raymond Milligan . . . . . .October 1
Rev. J. Doner Lee . . . . . .October 2
Rev. W. A. Crawford . . . . . .October 3
Rev. William C. Dunning . . . . . .October 6
Rev. Thomas Conway . . . . . .October 14
Rev. Linwood Manning . . . . . .October 15
Rev. Pauline Knowles . . . . . .October 18
Rev. Ethel Bailey . . . . . .October 29
Rev. Louise Smith . . . . . .October 31

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Feast of Ingathering

Thursday, October 28, 1999

"STRENGTHEN THE STAKES - PARTNERS IN THE PROJECT"

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Program	7:00 p.m.

Student-led drama
Music
Feast of Ingathering Offering

All activities will be conducted in the Patrick Cafetorium on the campus of SCCM. The 1999 Feast of Ingathering goal for SCCM is $72,600. Ingathering offerings will fund the renovation of the Tripp Student Activity Center – Phase 1. The renovation began in May and is scheduled for completion in September. The Student Activity Center will house a concession area, game room and Student Senate office. It will be the focal point for student social and recreational activities.

Phase 2 of the renovation will include enlarging the existing building to contain a college-size gym, volleyball court, seating for 400, locker rooms, etc.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Feast of Ingathering 1999. Together we can **"Strengthen the Stakes"** and accomplish the project.

BOOK REVIEWS

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

• *The Luggage of Life*. By F.W. Boreham. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1995. 246 pp.

Frank William Boreham (1871-1959) wrote more than 50 books and hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles. He was educated at Spurgeon's Pastors College in London and pastored in New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia before traveling around the world preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. It was the late Marshall Stewart who first introduced me to Boreham, and I have been a loyal collector and reader of Boreham's books ever since. Warren Wiersbe stated, "Selecting a Boreham book is like choosing a beautiful rose from a large bouquet – you can never make a mistake." I concur. It is a life ambition to collect every single work of this great Christian of the faith.

Heavily laden with extraordinary illustrations, *The Luggage of Life* is a collection of thirty-two of Boreham's reflections on life. Each reflection can be considered food or medicine for the inner man. The central truth of this publication is that we bear each other's burdens, and should carry each other's luggage. The law of life's luggage is the Law of Christ, a sacrificial law. Boreham stated, "The difference between savagery and civilization is simply this, that we have learned to bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." By all means possible, purchase the book.

• *Cries of the Heart*. By Ravi Zacharias. Nashville: Word Publishing, 1998. 224 pp. $19.99

Oswald Chambers wrote, "Much of our distress as Christians comes not because of sin, but because we are ignorant of the laws of our own nature." How true. Subtitled *Bringing God Near When He Feels So Far,* the book deals with the feelings of futility that can overwhelm the heart. Tackling the tough issues of life seems to be Zacharias's specialty as he masterfully addresses the cries of the human heart such as guilt, empty pleasure, pain, runaway emotions, loneliness and remoteness from the Father.

He supplies the reader with thought-provoking questions to open up one's thought processes concerning matters of the heart. Then he conveys the various ways in which the Lord works in our lives to give purpose, meaning and fulfillment.

Of special interest is the author's evaluation of the life experiences of Job. Zacharias wrote, "God is not just the God of power in creation; He is the God of presence in our affliction. He had not abandoned Job but was with him personally" (p. 83).

In the final chapter the subject of worship is addressed. Drawing from the experiences of the Book of Malachi, the author examines the four necessary components of true worship: love, obedience, sacrifice and right motives. Without these, true worship is not possible.

Trust me. In compelling fashion, the author challenges you to draw nearer to God, realizing that God Himself is crying out to you for intimacy. You will sense the need for closeness to God after reading and contemplating the issues in this engaging piece of literature.

BAILEY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH DEDICATES FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

April 1, 1999, marked the dedication service for the new fellowship building. The fellowship building has been a much needed addition to our church as well as the Bailey community. The service was led by Rev. T. Elwood Long, Conference Superintendent, and Rev. L.B. Collins, Pastor. Prior to the dedication service, the Canaan Land singers led the morning worship hour, and a delicious meal was enjoyed between services.

A special thanks to the commitment of the Bailey members, and the community they serve. Our hopes are that the townspeople are as proud as we are in the church's efforts in improvement of the Bailey Church property.

To God be the glory for all things he has in store for Bailey.

Superintendent's New Home Telephone Number

252-243-1408

MEN'S MINISTRIES

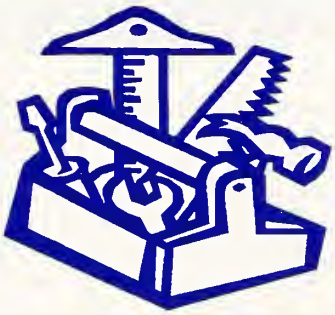
Partners In Ministry

Mark Your Calendar

- October 3 . . . . . .**Pastor Appreciation**
- November . . . . . .**Send the Light Month**
- November 12-14 . . . . . .**Couples Retreat, Myrtle Beach, SC. For more information contact Cathy Arthur at 919-832-8170 or Cathy Ward at 919-772-7315**

Y2K – What You Should Know

For more than 100 years, the American Red Cross has been at the cutting edge of disaster relief activities, helping people prevent, prepare for, and cope with disasters and other emergencies. That's why you should get the American Red Cross pamphlet on Y2K (ARC 44891-Jan 99). It covers Y2K's possible effects and what you can do to be prepared. Frequently asked questions that are covered are: What is "Y2K" and why are people concerned? When could Y2K problems happen? What kinds of things could happen as a result of Y2K problems? What can you do to be prepared? **Why not contact your local American Red Cross office and get a copy of the brochure for each family in your church. (English and Spanish)**



Falcon Campus Renovation Project -

It's underway! There are three opportunities to participate in this needed project to adequately serve the people of the North Carolina Conference... (1) Dollars are desperately needed for remodeling and new construction. (2) Donations of specific building materials. (3) Men to volunteer their time (Men of Action) to help in all areas or contributions. Call Reverend Roland Harrell (919-980-1191) for how, when, and where your men's group can participate in this much-needed project.

The Year Is Closing Down...

As we get close to year's end here's a checklist of things to consider:

- ✔ December – Chapter officers for 2000 need to be elected or appointed by the pastor.
- ✔ Annual Report – In December your chapter will be mailed the Annual Report Form. Now is the time to be collecting the information you'll need to fill it out. **See the Men's Ministries Leadership Manual for an example**.
- ✔ **TEAMShare** – Please be in prayer for this annual drive to promote prayer and financial support for Men's Ministries.

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

LINES FROM LINDA ...

I am not much of a sports enthusiast and will be the first to admit that I am not an expert on the game of football. However, being the mother of sons who played Pop Warner League football, middle school football and high school football, I have managed to learn a little bit about the game and even come to enjoy it. For years, our West Craven High School Eagles were a winning team and progressed to the championship games. Recently, however, they have been in a rebuilding mode and currently have not regained that status. Even so, our community continues to support Coach Jordan and the Eagles through this rough season. So, on Friday nights, Joe and I can often be found at the West Craven Football Stadium.

At a recent game, I found myself likening football to life. I have noticed that it takes persistence to win a football game. The object of the game is to get the ball to the goal line. Once a player has the ball in his hands, the opposing forces are out to put him down. Sometimes the ball will make it a few yards forward, and sometimes it ends up further back than the point from which it started in that play. On rare occasion, a player will be able to take the ball in from a distance of 60 to 75 yards or more. But most of the progress toward the goal comes in short gains. Two yards forward...six yards forward...until there is enough measurement to make a first down and continue to move down the field.

Isn't that the way of real life? Once we take a stand for the Lord, the devil and his forces are on our heels. We do our best to dodge him and keep on moving. Yet, most of our spiritual gains are not made in giant leaps. It takes a steady, consistent determination to grow closer to God. There are times when we move forward, and there are times when we seem to get pushed backward. Yet, like the fellow who wants to win that football game, we must get up more determined than ever to forge on. Not many of us can make the long-distance touchdown runs. Those mountaintop experiences that come occasionally are great but we can't be discouraged and give up when we stumble. It is important to remember that we win by persistence.

Another important aspect of the football game is unity among the members of the team. What if the quarterback always wanted to carry the ball, even though he couldn't possibly get it through the line? What if he would not pass it off to another team member because he was afraid that member might make a touchdown and get recognition that he wanted for himself? What if the team members did not have the same goal in mind? What if they did not cover for each other?

Sometimes we tend to forget that Christians are all working toward the same goal. It shouldn't matter who gets the credit, only that we win the game. We all have different abilities and are placed in different positions on the playing field. We must be willing to pass freely to each other and to be ready to receive when it is our turn to carry the ball. Once the ball is in our hands, it is our responsibility to do our best to take it in. If it is in the hands of a fellow Christian, we must put up a shield of prayer so that the opposition cannot keep that one from moving forward.

One other important issue is that the team must respect the coach. They must follow his direction. If they get on the field and decide to do their own thing and do not coordinate their efforts with the strategy outlined by the coach, there will be mass confusion and no gains.

The same is true in life. Jesus is our Master Coach, and He is standing on the sidelines of every move we make. He has the winning game plan. All we need do is follow the instructions in His Word. He can be trusted to take us safely to the goal.

There is also something to be said for the support of the fans. As fellow Christians, we must be supportive of others who are on the playing field. We can't desert them when they seem to be losing. That's the time we must cheer them on. We must be loyal through the hard times.

Like I say, I don't know too much about football; but I do know that when the player carries the ball over the goal line there is much excitement in the crowd. I believe the grandstands in Heaven are full of those who are waiting for us to make it. I don't know about you, but I am going to keep on listening to the Coach and do my best to carry the ball to the goalpost. I really do want to make a TOUCHDOWN!!

TRANSFORM DAILY TASKS INTO TESTIMONIES...

The women of the Jacksonville Women's Ministries have transformed routine, mundane tasks into opportunities of intercession.

A devotion written by Barbara Johnson and published in the book *Joy Breaks* prompted me to ask each lady in our local group to make a list of trivial, routine tasks we perform on a daily basis, i.e. wash face, brush teeth, make bed, comb hair. We then assigned a separate prayer request to each task with the intent of lifting that request unto the Lord each time we perform that task.

I challenge you to do the same and transform your daily tasks into testimonies. If your husband needs salvation, why not pray for him each day as you make your bed? As you fluff that pillow upon which he rests his head, ask God to fill his mind with thoughts from God's Word. If you have a financial need, maybe you would choose to ask God to meet that need each time you comb your hair.

The power of prayer has not diminished. Prayer does still change things.

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Director of Intercession

ON YOUR KNEES FOR KIDS...

Do you feel powerless in light of catastrophes such as Littleton or Paducah? Do you wonder what you can do to make a difference?

You can take part in *PRAYER FOR CHILDREN WEEKEND 1999* on October 22-24. People all over the nation are encouraged to ask God to keep our children safe and drug-free.

For more information on this effort, write *Pray for the Children,* at P.O. Box 5758, Naperville, FL 60567, or visit their Web site at www.prayforthechildren.com.

WM DISTRICT DIRECTOR RETREAT ...

NCWM Board Members and WM District Directors enjoy a break from training to enjoy the Bar River view.

North Carolina Women's Ministries District Directors met with the NCWM Board on August 27 and 28 at the Morris & Thomas Bay River House in Florence, NC, for an overnight time of fellowship and training. The ladies gathered on Friday afternoon and enjoyed dinner prior to a time of sharing. Janice Marshburn and Meshelder Richardson led in a time of fun and games after which Meshelder challenged everyone with devotion on using opportunities to influence and win others to the Lord. Each lady was offered an opportunity to share prayer requests regarding those people in their lives who need Jesus, and a time of prayer and intercession followed.

On Saturday morning, following a hearty breakfast, Linda Thomas led in a training session, which included a review of the Women's Ministries Leadership Manual, especially noting recent updates. A packet of materials relative to the role of district director was reviewed and each board member shared their portfolio duties.

The group viewed a video on DRUSA (Disaster Relief USA) which is a ministry of the Pentecostal Holiness Church to help in areas where natural disasters have occurred. Women's Ministries groups are challenged to be volunteers in support of this outreach.

A Perception Check Activity gave the district directors opportunity to share their findings from within their districts with the NCWM board members and suggestions were received in order to assist leadership with better meeting the needs of the local Women's Ministries groups.

The District Directors exchanged ideas for fund-raisers, rallies, meetings, etc., and enjoyed the time getting to know each other on a personal basis.

WM DISTRICT DIRECTORS...

Several districts have newly-appointed WM district directors. They are listed below along with addresses and phone numbers. Local WM leaders are encouraged to invite these ladies to visit in meetings. They are equipped to help you to enhance Women's Ministries on the local level.

CLINTON DISTRICT: Jackie Jones
P.O. Box 516
Garland, NC 28441
910-529-1425

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT: Patsy Payne
P.O. Box 989
Broadway, NC 27505
919-258-6242

GOLDSBORO DISTRICT: Justine Lee
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Four Oaks, NC 27524
919-689-2724

GREENVILLE DISTRICT: Teresa Smith
1702 Piccadilly Drive
Winterville, NC 28590
252-353-4094

LUMBERTON DISTRICT: Jenny Faircloth
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St. Pauls, NC 28384
910-865-4408

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT: Sharon Martin
2001 Jersey Street
Morehead City, NC 28557
252-726-2719

NEW BERN DISTRICT: Wanda Toler
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Vanceboro, NC 28586
252-244-2919

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919-894-2637

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT: Carol Davis
2086 Vaughan's Road
Elm City, NC 27822
252-443-5568

WILLIAMSTON DISTRICT: Marjorie Teachey
1248 Tyner Road
Williamston, NC 27892
252-792-3752

WILMINGTON DISTRICT: Jackie Thompson
114 Everett Lane
Sneads Ferry, NC 28460
910-327-3306

WILSON DISTRICT: Teresa Nelson
1908 Sierra Drive
Wilson, NC 27893
252-291-2456

FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME 50th HARVEST TRAIN...

Make plans to be in Falcon for the Falcon Children's Home 50th Harvest Train on Tuesday, November 23, 1999. This will be a wonderful day of celebration as gifts are carried to the home from all over the eastern part of the United States. Be a part of the parade and the program which will follow at Culbreth Memorial Auditorium.

Commodities suggested for collection in October are: Cake Mixes, Cake Icing, Brownie Mixes, Snacks, Cereal, Spaghetti Noodles, Macaroni, Tomato Sauce, Brown Sugar, Small Jello, Pudding, Pop Tarts, Crackers, Corn Meal, Self-rising flour, Grits, Cookies, Drinks, Kleenex, Windex, Trash Bags, Laundry Detergent, Disposable Latex Gloves, Teenage Christmas Gift Items.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

TRINITY WORSHIP CENTER DEDICATION

It was my privilege on Sunday morning, July 18th, to worship with Pastor Gary Webber and the good people of Trinity Worship Center. It was dedication Sunday. The church was begun on the 1st Sunday of the new year. On this Sunday some fifteen joined the church. The church is located on the corner of Neuse Blvd., and Hwy 43 to Vanceboro, and Hwy 55 to Cove.

The church moved to the present location in March. The building has been completely refurnished and turned into a beautiful church. The church raised and paid for the remodeling as they went. Some $27,000.00-plus was raised.

It was a great service. The Lord blessed.

LUIS M. AVILA

The Lord has blessed the N.C. Conference with some fantastic Hispanic ministers. Below is an article about one of our Hispanic pastors and leaders.

Luis M. Avila

Luis M. Avila was born in San José, Costa Rica in 1960. His studies have taken him through high school, special studies in English, and computer studies. He became a Christian in 1979, being saved in the church of Barrio Cuba, the mother church of the one hundred Pentecostal Holiness churches now in that country. He married Liliana Ramírez in 1982 and they have three sons, Luis Felipe, Pablo Alberto, and Andrey.

He was called to the ministry of the Word in the same year of his conversion and immediately began studies in the Pentecostal Bible Institute of Costa Rica, graduating in 1987. Luis did further work and graduated in the Advanced Studies for Ministerial Excellence. He has also done special seminary work in Guatemala, and has participated in seminars in the United States, Holland, and Brazil, dealing mostly with missions and evangelism.

He served as a professor in the Pentecostal Holiness Bible Institute in Costa Rica, taught extension courses from the same school, and served as Secretary on the Conference Board in Costa Rica for four years. He also pastored for nine years in the P.H. churches of Hatillo 8 and León XIII (the names and numbers designate geographical sectors of suburban San José).

In 1991, Luis Avila went to Guatemala as the first P.H. missionary to work in that country in recent times (Rev. Amos Bradley worked there as a P.H. missionary from 1908 to about 1915). During Brother Avila's time there, ten churches were established, the Pentecostal Holiness Church was registered with the government, and a conference was organized.

In June of 1997, Luis joined the North Carolina Conference and was put on staff by the Greenville First Church for the purpose of planting and organizing a hispanic congregation. He now has an attendance of 75 people in the services. Brother Avila is also visiting and ministering each week to hispanic groups in Snow Hill and in Morehead City. He is a member of our Hispanic Credentials Committee and provides much wisdom and guidance for those of us who work with him. The North Carolina Conference is blessed and proud to have this man of God, a product of our pioneer mission work in Costa Rica, to work among us in reaching out to the many hispanic people who have come to live among us.

THE NICARAGUA REPORT

Our congratulations and hearty WELL DONE to Pastor John Hedgepeth, Cecille Booth, and the Northwood Temple Church for their summer ministry trip in Nicaragua. Praise the Lord for this great report. Pastor Hedgepeth reports the following:

Our team of 53 members returned July 2 from a very successful campaign in Nicaragua. The team, made up of doctors, nurses, medical and evangelistic support people, has many glowing things to tell you.

Cecille Booth, the leader of the group, reports some very interesting facts about the campaign:

Last year, Rocio Pitti had given a woman the bus fare

for her husband to come from Esteli to our clinic in Managua. He was an alcoholic with liver problems. He came the next day, was treated, and gloriously saved! He is now the pastor of the new church in Esteli!

One team, when visiting a barrio in Montelimar, ministered to an old lady who said that God had shown her in a vision that He was sending someone to pray for her! That was a great blessing to the team – especially when they had 40 professions of faith in that one community! The same team picked up two girls on the way back to the hotel and won them to the Lord!

Many, many people were treated in the clinic who were malnourished and suffering from parasites, tuberculosis, upper respiratory illnesses, and other acute minor illnesses. The top part of a little 11-year-old boy's head was sewed back on. He had severed the flesh with a machete! Hospital care was secured for two children.

The new school/clinic provoked much emotion in the team, especially for those who had been there before. The building is huge! The people have worked so hard and are so proud of it!

Because of the church's generous giving, funds were provided to complete a parsonage for the main church in Esteli; to purchase blocks for walls for the new church in Esteli (at present they are worshiping under poles with a tin roof); to pay off the balance ($1,200) needed to purchase land adjacent to the Karl Marx Barrio Church; to pay $4,000+ for finish work on the new school/clinic; and $10,000 toward the purchase of property adjacent to the new building.

The evangelistic team, under the director of Pastor Jose Alejandro, presented the drama 16 times with 120 professions of faith. Diane Austin ministered to 31 counseling patients and conducted two seminars to teach basic principles of counseling. The medical team, under Linda Strange's direction, saw more than 1,600 patients. The dental clinic had the following stats: 295 exams, 247 cleanings, 13 fillings, and 131 extractions. The medical team saw 156 professions of faith and two healings! To God be the glory!

Pastor John Hedgepeth

This is our newest itinerating missionary. She is highly recommended to each church.

CHRISTIE LEA BAKER

1725 Meadowbrook Lane
Wilson, NC 27893
Missionary to
Zimbabwe, Africa

Christie Lea Baker lives in Wilson, North Carolina. She grew up in the Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness Church where she was saved during a revival service at the age of nine. Even as a small child, Christie had a compassionate heart for those less fortunate, especially children. She questioned the Lord many times because she had such a wonderful life, while other children suffered.

Christie began working with the children at the Wilson First Church as a teenager. She assisted in Children's Church and taught a class on Wednesday nights for several years.

Still feeling a burden, Christie prayed and asked the Lord to call her to the mission field; however, the Lord led her into the field of education. She attended Emmanuel College for a year and a half; then, she transferred to East Carolina University where she received a degree in Elementary Education. While in college, Christie realized more than ever the call the Lord had placed on her life in an inner-city school in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, teaching a Sunday School class, and directing the GEMS program at Wilson First.

During the summer of 1998, the Lord answered Christie's childhood prayer and called her to the mission field. Now she knows she was given such a blessed life, so that she might go and share the love she has received with children around the world.

Christie is now preparing to go to Zimbabwe, Africa. There she will train pre-school teachers, while ministering to children who need to feel the love of God. Christie is currently teaching kindergarten in Rocky Mount and completing her Master's Degree in Reading Education at East Carolina University. She plans to graduate from ECU in May of 2000 and then fulfill the Lord's call on her life in Africa.

Please lift Christie up in prayer as she prepares to obey the voice of the Lord. If you would like to contact Christie about speaking at your church, you can reach her at (252) 291-4117.

"And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."
Mark 10:16

Ethan Oliver

Congratulations to missionaries Michael and Jennifer Oliver on the birth of their first son, Ethan, on July 21st.

Ethan was born at 6:27 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs. and measuring 20.5 inches long.

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

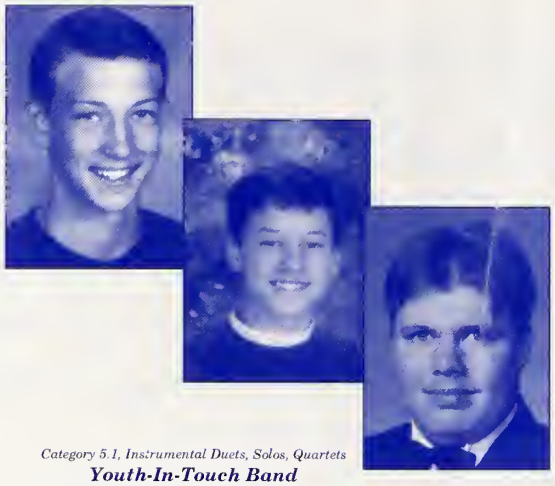
David Wheeler, Church Education Ministries Director

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report
January - June, 1999

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Attd
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1,750	0	735	0	700	549
KINSTON FIRST	688	0	299	0	321	268
THE FIRST	360	0	202	0	150	157
MT. OLIVE LD	309	0	202	0	0	0
CLINTON	358	0	186	0	255	194
MT. CARMEL	378	0	178	0	213	117
TARBORO FIRST	214	0	173	0	185	148
WILSON FIRST	190	0	161	0	80	86
GREENVILLE FIRST	240	0	150	0	80	86
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	435	20	150	20	420	318
STEDMAN	280	0	147	0	205	124
ST. PAULS	174	10	145	10	132	125
THE CAPITAL	350	0	143	0	170	180
TARBORO LAROCA	0	0	135	0	0	0
WHITLEY	269	0	134	0	219	165
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	154	0	125	0	161	98
CHADBOURN	220	0	125	0	174	77
SMYRNA	106	0	125	0	101	89
SHILOH	289	18	123	25	189	93
PENIEL	262	0	119	0	210	80
BRENTWOOD	140	0	118	0	160	165
BIZZELL GROVE	163	40	118	31	80	51
GRACE FAMILY FELL.	211	0	111	0	193	110
HARKERS ISLAND	133	0	110	0	67	47
HARVEST TEMPLE	185	65	107	36	133	76
BENSON	167	48	107	26	140	102
WILLIAMSTON	166	8	105	7	109	77
LUMBERTON	155	48	103	15	140	83
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	131	25	95	18	90	50
BETHANY	155	5	92	24	109	42
BELFAST	134	0	90	0	94	49
ST. JOHN	125	18	82	23	62	60
BAYWOOD	120	0	81	0	76	39
EVANGEL	210	19	81	20	105	67
PIKES CROSSROADS	187	25	77	27	145	51
ROPER	114	0	77	0	105	71
HARVEST FELLOWSHIP	102	0	75	0	70	65
FAITH GD	75	0	75	0	60	58
MT. OLIVE (GD)	87	0	75	0	0	0
WILMINGTON	142	0	72	0	142	56
TYNDALL GROVE	75	0	72	0	30	22
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120	0	72	0	86	52
WESTVIEW	118	0	68	0	102	50
NAKINA	83	0	68	0	30	26
STANTONSBURG	112	0	67	0	50	25
REHOBOTH	137	0	66	0	0	0
SHARON	103	0	65	0	47	31
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71	0	65	0	30	26
MILLENNIUM	142	41	63	36	90	28
SANFORD FIRST	94	0	61	0	49	39
HOBGOOD	86	0	61	0	0	0
MARANATHA	102	0	61	0	75	101
SNOW HILL	59	0	59	0	9	9
HIGHER GROUND	123	0	58	0	58	38
MOORES CHAPEL	97	0	57	0	71	35
BRIDGETON	84	0	57	0	0	0
THOMAS CHAPEL	72	0	56	0	50	26
EMMANUEL	75	0	56	0	60	54
KENLY	122	0	56	0	0	0
FAITH WD	70	89	55	90	56	48
MANLEYS GROVE	104	0	55	0	0	0
BOARDMAN	210	31	53	0	201	27
ST. MATTHEW	72	0	53	0	35	33
NEW BERN FIRST	84	0	53	0	69	30
TAYLORS CHAPEL	100	0	53	0	0	0
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104	0	52	0	59	31
GETHSEMANE	280	0	52	0	143	40
HOLLY HILL	98	0	51	0	63	27
THE GENESIS	116	35	51	43	51	18
REELSBORO	109	57	50	36	48	35
ROANOKE RAPIDS	0	15	50	18	0	27
BLACK CREEK	70	0	48	0	0	0
BETHEL	57	0	48	0	0	0
BROCKS CHAPEL	168	0	45	0	91	34
CARSON MEMORIAL	80	0	44	0	65	31
NIAGARA	167	0	44	0	33	17
GARLAND	65	0	44	0	0	0
VANCEBORO	51	0	43	0	0	4
HAMILTON	74	0	43	0	0	0
LIVING WATERS	52	0	43	0	52	29
THUNDER SWAMP	89	0	43	0	11	11
HODGES CHAPEL	0	0	43	0	0	0
GOSHEN	85	0	42	0	36	27
SPRING HOPE	48	0	41	0	54	31
EASTSIDE	202	0	41	0	0	0
JONES GROVE	47	0	41	0	0	0
ABERDEEN	67	0	40	0	63	23
IGLESIA HISPANA	0	0	40	0	0	0
SANTIDAD						
MIDWAY	105	0	40	0	78	31
GRACE FAMILY	0	0	40	0	0	0
FELLOWSHIP HISPANIC						
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	71	0	40	0	0	0
SELMA	45	0	40	0	0	0
JACKSONVILLE	61	0	40	0	22	25
EBENEZER	51	0	39	0	43	27
FRIENDSHIP WD	97	0	39	0	65	24
SHILOH	90	0	38	0	0	0
AYDEN	59	0	38	0	0	0
ELIZABETHTOWN	50	5	37	7	24	22
WADES POINT	56	0	37	0	0	0
WINTERVILLE	79	0	37	0	0	0
WESTMORELAND	159	0	36	0	106	41
WARSAW	83	0	36	0	0	0
SCOTLAND NECK	53	0	36	0	30	29
IGLESIA	0	0	35	0	0	0
FAMILY LIFE TABERNACLE	50	0	35	0	41	38
ABBOTTSBURG	42	0	35	0	17	18
INDEPENDENCE	52	0	34	0	0	0
TABERNACLE	58	0	31	0	33	20
NEW VISION	50	0	31	0	0	0
SNEADS FERRY	100	0	30	0	30	19
TRINITY RMD	47	0	29	0	0	0
CORNERSTONE	43	18	29	15	21	15
LOWLAND	35	0	29	0	0	0
ALBRITTON	69	18	29	19	39	20
WELDON	48	0	29	0	0	0
CEDAR POINT	34	0	28	0	13	13
OAK RIDGE	64	0	28	0	28	18
SIMS	50	0	27	0	0	0
HERITAGE	56	0	26	0	46	36
NEW COVENANT	68	3	24	4	28	19
TRINITY CD	19	0	24	0	0	0
ALERT	59	0	24	0	35	27
CLAYTON	33	0	23	0	0	0
SONLIGHT	38	20	22	25	28	21
GRACE COMMUNITY	43	0	21	0	25	16
ALLIANCE	37	0	21	0	28	10
KINSTON FIRST HISPANIC	0	0	20	0	0	0
LAMM'S GROVE	51	0	20	0	0	0
MIDDLESEX	21	0	19	0	0	0
HOPEWELL	24	0	19	0	29	21
FRIENDSHIP NBD	16	0	18	0	7	31
LYON MEMORIAL	56	0	17	0	0	0
NEW HOPE	23	0	17	0	0	0
GRIFTON	30	0	17	0	0	0
VICKS CHAPEL	17	0	16	0	0	0
PENDERLEA	25	0	16	0	14	9
GOOSE CREEK	34	0	14	0	19	7
RED SPRINGS	70	0	14	0	0	0
BELHAVEN	0	0	14	0	0	0
CRYSTAL COAST	36	0	14	0	0	0
SPRING OF LIVING WATER	0	0	13	0	0	11
CALVARY TEMPLE	17	0	11	0	13	13
WAKELON	11	0	10	0	0	0
PLYMOUTH	10	0	8	0	0	0
WINDSOR	13	8	6	8	0	0
LIGHTHOUSE	8	0	6	0	0	0
NEW LIFE	0	0	4	0	0	0
CALVARY LD	0	0	3	0	0	0
Total:	**17,088**	**689**	**9,710**	**583**	**8,874**	**5,939**
Count:	**149**		**149**		**149**	**149**

Congratulations to Our 1999 National Talent Winners!

Category 4.2, Instrumental Solo, Strings
Benjamin Forehand
Johnsonville, SC
(Although he represented another Conference, Ben is still "one of ours"!)



Category 5.1, Instrumental Duets, Solos, Quartets
Youth-In-Touch Band
Family Life Tabernacle (Shelmerdine)

Category 6.1, Keyboard Solo
Christopher Smith
Family Life Tabernacle

Category 7.2, Drama (Audible) Individual
Guy Chapman
Northwood Temple

Category 5.2, Instrumental Ensemble
Clinton Ensemble
Clinton

Category 3.2, Vocal Ensemble
His Harmony
Northwood Temple

Category 8.2, Creative Arts, Graphics
Jody Lassiter
Millennium

Category 7.1, Speech Presentation
Samuel Forehand
Gospel Tabernacle

Category 7.7, Inaudible Pantomime 2 or more
Lifeline Drama Team
The Capital

Other Talented Young People Who Placed Second or Third at Nationals:

Kevin Smith, Family Life Tabernacle, Instrumental Solo – Wind
Vicki Smith, The Capital, Definite Pitch Percussion
Matt Coleman, The Capital, Indefinite Pitch Percussion
His Majesty's Best, Bell Choirs, Chadbourn
Light Beam Drama Team, Audible – 2 or more, Gospel Tabernacle
Some Drama Team, Inaudible – Mime, 2 or more, Greenville First
Tiffany Ward, Inaudible Pantomime w/vocals, The Capital
Lifeline Drama Team, Interpretive Dance, 2 or more, The Capital
Matthew Breeland, Creative Arts – Painting, Tarboro First
Rebecca Whitman, Creative Arts – Fabricated Art, The First
Candace Corbett, Creative Writing, Poetry, Clinton

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Beside Still Waters:
"just taking care of my children"

50th Anniversary

because love makes the difference

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

I am thankful to the Lord for good and great people who have touched my life and that of so many others. One of those is Reverend R. G. Quesenberry (now retired) of the Appalachian Conference. Brother Quesenberry spent many years in church leadership including eight years as superintendent of the Appalachian (then, Virginia) Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. It is with his permission that I bring to your attention the following article previously printed in the November, 1989, edition of the Virginia Conference *Messenger* and the 1990 November edition of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church *Advocate*. It is an excellent and inspiring message. (T.E.L.)

"It has been 370 years since the Mayflower landed on American soil with the little band of people who would become the rock from which this great nation was hewn. They were ordinary folks, men and women like ourselves. So why have we immortalized them?

A LIVING FAITH

"First, these people possessed a compelling vision. William Warren Sweet, dean of American church history, said, 'Religion was responsible for the founding of more colonies than any other single factor.' Why was this?

"These 'pilgrims' who came to New England were rigorous Protestants who believed in biblical Christianity. They believed that man was saved by faith in Jesus Christ and could not merit salvation by his own works. They practiced water baptism and the holy communion, and they stressed the importance of preaching. They protested the low moral standard of their day and rejected ritualistic worship and complicated forms of church government.

"These people were called 'Puritans,' the left wing of the Protestant Reformation. They suffered much persecution for their views. Though they were few in number, they were considered dangerous, and King James I vowed to drive them from the land.

"Many of the faithful met in secret for worship in cottages and homes for fear of their lives. Some were forced to flee England to Holland, and with war on the horizon, they turned their faces toward the new world, hoping for a new nation under God.

OBEDIENT FAITH

"Second, early settlers had a faith that seemed to be able to endure anything and embrace everything promised in Scripture. Their lives indicated their confidence in God.

"That faith is evident in the kind of society they built. The church was the central institution of their community. They brought every aspect of life into cohesive form under God. The structure of their political, social and cultural life was debated and decided in the church not because they had no other place to meet, but because they saw all life as lived under God and His desire to provide for their needs.

"In founding this nation our forefathers did not foresee it as it exists today, but thought themselves to be forming 'One Nation Under God.' Economics was not the primary reason for the founding of new England, rather, it was a humble, obedient faith in God.

COURAGE AND FAITH

"There is yet a third reason for the Puritans' greatness. They did not flee their homeland ignorant of the hardships that awaited them. They knew, and their decision came after much prayer and discussion.

"When arriving in the New Land, they faced the dangers they had anticipated: wild beasts, the Indians, who one day would befriend and bring them food, and the next day show up with arrows. All these dangers tested their courage and faith.

"The greatest enemy, however, turned out to be winter as they watched loved ones starve and die. At one point their daily rations consisted of five small grains of corn per person. Scurvy and other diseases took their toll until only seven were left who could walk.

"When winter passed and spring arrived, they remembered God's promise to Abraham: 'I will make thee a great nation.'

"In the spring of 1621 a friendly Indian by the name of Squanto taught the settlers how to plant corn. Other crops failed, but the Indian corn produced a good crop. When fall came it was clear they would have enough to eat through the winter.

"Being blessed as they were, Governor Bradford invited the Indians to share in a festival of prayer and gratitude. That was how Thanksgiving day began in the New World.

"If this band of people could be thankful, after all they had endured, how much more thankful should we be today with all our prosperity. Remember the words of the prophet Nehemiah: 'It is time to celebrate with a hearty meal, and to send presents to those in need, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. You must not be dejected and sad.'"

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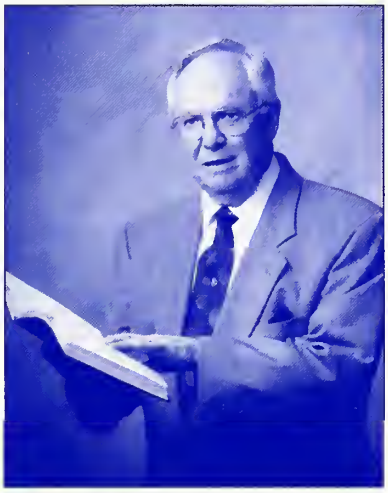
CHURCH NEWS

FORMER PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT B. E. UNDERWOOD AT HOME WITH CHRIST



OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — The Rev. Bernard Edward Underwood (73), former General Superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, died September 22 at his home in Royston, Georgia, after a ten-month-long battle with cancer.

Rev. Underwood was elected as General Superintendent of the IPHC at the church's 21st General Conference in Oklahoma City in 1989. Serving in that role granted him the honorary title of "Bishop."

During Underwood's administration, the movement in the United States experienced a net gain of 47,343 members, which marked the church's largest increase in any previous eight-year period. Membership worldwide also increased significantly. Under Underwood's leadership, the Target 2000 emphasis carried the IPHC into the 1990s by establishing the most aggressive evangelistic and church growth goals in the church's history.

Underwood servced as chairman of the Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America and was instrumental in the transition of that organization from an all-white fellowship into the racially and ecumenically-inclusive Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America. He was honored on March 4, 1998, by the National Association of Evangelicals for his role in 1994 in establishing the PCCNA.

Undersood served on the General Executive Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church for 28 years. During 16 of those years, he was the executive director of World Missions. While in this role, Underwood established and directed the development of the Centre for International Christian Ministries in London, England.

Underwood graduated from both Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, and Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. He continued his education at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, where he received his M.A. degree in 1954.

He authored eight published books, *The Gifts of the Spirit, The Spirit's Sword, Spiritual Gifts: Ministries and Manifestations, Sixteen New Testament Principles for World Evangelization, You Shall Worship, The Ministry of Intercession, Portrait of a Pastor,* and *Cosmic Conflict,* which he co-authored with Stuart Kelly. His book, *Sixteen New Testament Principles for World Evangelization,* is used in many schools as a textbook for urban church planting. *Spiritual Gifts: Ministries and Manifestations* has been published in five languages and is being used around the world in classes on the gifts of the Spirit.

A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, B. E. Underwood was ordained as a minister in 1944. He spent the early years of his ministry in pastorates in Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia. From 1964 through 1969 and 1974 through 1977, he provided dynamic leadership as superintendent of the Virginia Conference of the IPHC.

In 1965, Underwood was elected as assistant general superintendent of the IPHC, serving in that position until 1973. He became the assistant general superintendent in 1977 and was elected vice chairman at the General Conference in 1981, a post he filled until his election as General Superintendent in 1989. He retired in August 1997.

The ministry of B. E. Underwood extended over a period of nearly 60 years. He preached and lectured throughout the United States and around the world in Bible conferences, ministers' retreats and interdenominational meetings. He served as chairman of Pentecostal Renewal Services, the classical Pentecostal track of the North American Renewal Services Committee (NARSC), on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), and on the Advisory Council of the Pentecostal World Conference.

"The International Pentecostal Holiness Church has lost a respected and visionary leader in the homegoing of Bishop B. E. Underwood," stated General Superintendent James D. Leggett. "He led the church through a period of significant change and growth. He was a dynamic leader and change agent in our denomination and the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement. He was a mentor to so many pastors and leaders."

B. E. Underwood is survived by his wife Esther, three children, Karen, Paul, and Pam, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a multitude of friends and coworkers.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 25, 1999, at the Appalachian Conference Auditorium in Dublin, Virginia.

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MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

NEW CONFERENCE DIRECTOR!!!

The North Carolina Conference has a new Men's Ministries Conference Director! Ronnie Basden of the Kinston First PHC has been appointed to be the new Conference Director by Superintendent T.E. Long. In the next issue of the Evangel, Brother Ronnie will give us an overview of his background and his vision for Men's Ministries.

Welcome Brother Ronnie!

DRUSA...Disaster Relief USA

This area of ministry has been one that the men of the North Carolina Conference have been heavily involved in for the past month, and one that will require more help in the months ahead. Specific items of supplies that are needed will be mailed to each chapter president as needs occur, and these needs will change as the disaster cleanup and weather change. When your chapter decides to meet one of the needs for supplies and you have collected the items- call Rev. Danny Nelson, the DRUSA Coordinator for the North Carolina Conference at (910) 980-1481. He will give you instructions on the exact location of where the supplies need to be delivered.

There is a critical need now and in the months ahead for teams (Men of Action) of men and women to go to a specific site in the disaster area to help with debris cleanup, house cleanup, painting and other repair needs. Call Reverend Nelson when your chapter is ready to minister in this area.

TEAMShare – (Together Evangelizing All Men)

Each year at this time Men's Ministries conducts a campaign to raise both prayer and financial support for this ministry. This annual drive is targeted to reach each man in Men's Ministries and to encourage him to be part of the ministry, as we strive for the goal of **Together Evangelizing All Men**. Each member will receive a letter reviewing what we have done over the past year and where we are going in the year ahead. Please...take the time to commit to be part of TEAMShare...with both your prayer and financial commitment.

National Conference on Ministry to Men

Here's a great idea to get your men and pastor together for an awesome event. The National Coalition of Men's Ministries (NCMM) is a network of men's ministry leaders from over 20 denominations (including ours). It represents over half of the churches in America and 55 para-church men's ministries in America, such as Promise Keepers, Man in the Mirror, and Christian Men's Network. The NCMM is teaming their talents and resources to assist leaders of men and the local church in their efforts to minister to men. The NCMM is offering a National Conference on Ministry to Men on October 12-14, 2000, in Atlanta, GA, and now is the time to mark your calendar. It is targeted for pastors, associate pastors, men's leaders, and those in leadership at the local, conference, and denominational levels. The cost of the conference is $80 early registration, or $95 at registration. Hotel accommodations will be $98 for up to four in a room. Participants will be hearing from nationally renowned leaders in ministry to men through five dynamic plenary sessions and will have the opportunity to select from 16 practical workshops, which will seek to provide them the training they need to help create an effective and ongoing ministry to men. For more details call 1-877-626-6266 toll free or write NCMM, P.O. Box 620398, Littleton, CO 80126-0398, or fax 303-933-0469. Also check their Website at www.nccmm.org!

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

In eastern North Carolina, we are accustomed to the hurricane warnings that come each fall. This year is no exception. Hurricane Dennis taunted and teased us as he took his time and played around off the coast before turning around and finding his way back across land. He blatantly interrupted the last summer holiday weekend and left some destruction in his path. However, little did we know that the next hurricane warning would be one that would bring such disaster as we have experienced throughout the North Carolina Conference area. From the beginning, we all knew that Floyd meant business. With wind speeds of 155 miles per hour, he soared up toward us in the Atlantic Ocean. The entire southeastern coast of the United States was in a state of emergency as we wondered where this powerful monster would come ashore. As Floyd moved northwestward, his wind speed decreased; but the widespread area of coverage and the tremendous rains that came ashore in North Carolina brought unimaginable devastation.

Joe and I had prepared for the hurricane. We expected a day or two of interruption in our schedules with perhaps a lack of power for a little while. We got out the generator and lamps, and we stocked up on canned foods and necessities. The rains began, and by Wednesday night we were having very heavy rainfall. The eye of the hurricane passed very near us during the night, but the winds were not severe enough to even awaken us. The next morning we lost power, but only for about twelve hours. We never lost our phone service. We had a few twigs and branches down, but other than that, everything seemed perfectly normal. However, on one side of us, just two miles down the road, Swift Creek was beginning to overrun its banks. A little over three miles behind us and on the other side of our house, the Neuse River was also beginning to cover territory heretofore unknown by its waters. By Friday all roads leading from our house to anywhere were impassable. The National Guard came to our town to assist our local firemen and rescue personnel and began rescue operations to remove people from flooded areas in our neighborhood. By Sunday, when we went out our driveway, the creek was within two tenths of a mile on our left and the river was edging up behind us and on our right. We were trapped on an island with no way out.

By late Sunday afternoon, after having met with our neighbors for a prayer gathering, Joe decided that we needed to leave. We did not feel that our home was threatened; however, Joe felt he needed to be in his insurance office the next day. My emotions were very torn, as there were already rumors of looting in our area. We still had power and phone service, and our pantry was well stocked with food supplies. I really wanted to stay home. So, it was with reluctance that I climbed aboard the huge National Guard truck that came to evacuate us. What we saw during that ride will forever be etched in my memory. It was truly an experience I will never forget.

We saw our local young men working with the National Guardsman as they risked their own safety and well-being to serve us. We watched them wade through mucky waters to help people aboard the truck, to deliver medications, to feed animals, and even to lift a man in a wheelchair up to the head-high level of the bed of the truck in which we were stuffed like refugees. Along much of the evacuation route, we traveled through water more than four feet deep. As the truck moved slowly, we felt the water slap under the bed of the truck and we watched the swells go out and lap against the houses alongside the road. Most of the houses had water up to the window levels and some even higher. Mobile homes were covered with water. What my eyes beheld was almost more than my mind could grasp. These were homes of our friends and neighbors. When I caught sight of Philip and Sandra McCandless' home, the tears came. (You will remember Sandra as the NC GEMS Director last quadrennium.) My heart hurt for them and the rest of our neighbors who were flooded.

After two hours, we had traveled about eight miles and finally arrived at our drop-off destination where Joe's dad picked us up. Most of the people on that truck ended up at the emergency shelter to spend the night and several days to follow. By taking an alternate route, I was able to drive into Vanceboro on Monday. A long portion of Main Street was closed and numerous homes were totally flooded in the area along the creek bank. The town was astir with National Guardsmen, rescue personnel and the people delivering food, clothing and supplies. For the next several days, I went back into town to help with the distributions and to do what I could to assist in the relief effort. In the midst of great disaster, the good people of our area had united. Supplies came from near and far. Volunteers cooked meals for the rescue personnel. A bond of love was formed with our newly found friends, the National Guardsmen and people of other communities who took time out to care for us.

Our home was spared, and we were able to get back to our house on the following Friday night. Many of our neighbors were not so fortunate. Most of the waters are down now; but as we drive through the once flooded areas, it almost appears to be a war zone. Many of the houses have literally been gutted. All the furnishings and belongings, along with building debris, is piled up beside the roads. A lifetime's collection all stands now as a rubbish heap. It will be a while before our neighborhood is restored, but I know we will recover.

Our community was just one of many which experienced this tragedy. Thousands of people still stand in need of financial, physical and emotional support. Many of them are from our own churches. Some of our church facilities have been damaged. We must all join together to help them bring order out of this tragic chaos. It may mean personal sacrifice, but we are our brother's keepers. Now is the time to put love in action and to practice ministry.

As I reflect on the happenings of the last few weeks, several spiritual comparisons come to mind. First, I think of how we are so accustomed to hurricane warnings that we just assume they will be a here-today, gone-tomorrow experience. We might expect a little inconvenience for a few hours. But do we truly prepare ourselves for the long term? Do we have enough supplies, food, etc. to get us through an extended outage? Do we risk being unprepared? I am reminded of another alert which God's Word gives us. We have heard for so long now that Jesus is coming. Perhaps we have begun to take that message lightly? Do we have oil enough in our lamps to last, or will we have to run out to try to find more when it is possibly too late?

Secondly, I remember as I was sitting on the back of that National Guard truck, I looked around at the various people aboard. There were young, middle-aged and old, healthy and feeble, rich and poor, intelligent and simple-minded, black and white...and yet we were all in the same predicament. We were all trying to escape the flood waters and get to a place of safety. As I pondered the scene before me, I was reminded of how we will stand before God on the Judgment Day. There will be no separation of races, levels of intelligence, social status, or physical condition. We will all stand before Him on the same level. The barriers that divide us must all crumble down if we are to ride the Old Gospel Ship safely into the Harbor.

Lastly, I now pass by the flooded houses where a life's belongings are stacked in disarray. I see the gutted houses and ruined vehicles; and I am reminded how temporary all these things truly are. We work hard for a lifetime to accumulate worldly goods, but there will come a time when it will all be worthless. Things that seem so important to us are really so very temporary.

As the flood waters subside and life begins to ebb back to some sort of normalcy, may we all allow this experience to awaken us to the fact that God is still in control. He's the God of the sunshine and the God of the flood. He is with us in the mountaintop experiences of life, but He is also with us in these valley times. He is faithful, and He will restore our souls! I am reminded of words from a grand old hymn:

Tho 'sorrows befall us and Satan oppose, God leads His dear children along;
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes, God leads His dear children along.
Away from the mire, and away from the clay, God leads His dear children along.
Away up in glory, eternity's day, God leads His dear children along.
Some through the waters, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.

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WOMEN IN ACTION

It started about four years ago as a dream of only a handful of women. The vision was to open a center to supply the needs of our community. Although Vanceboro, NC, is a relatively small town, a burden was on the hearts of these women to provide for physical needs, such as clothing and food, and to witness to the spiritual needs by being examples of Jesus' love and mercy.

The first building in which the center was housed was a deserted building on Streets Ferry Road. It took a lot of elbow grease and many hours of time to put some order in that center. Later, as the center grew, the need for organization was recognized; and the center moved into town in what had once been the magistrate's office. Vanceboro Christian Help Center was officially organized, with selection of a board. Rules and guidelines were established. Rev. Roger Cope, a local United Methodist minister, assumed the role of Director. By now the center was no longer just serving walk-ins but was also delivering food to from 40 to 200 people per month. It has been a miracle to see the progress of this center. It has never operated under a specific church denomination, but it has prospered and been blessed of God to be ecumenical. The volunteers have come from many different churches, and they work in many various capacities.

I believe the most beautiful witness that I have ever seen has been during the recent devastation of Hurricane Floyd. There was a tremendous outpouring of food, clothing, supplies and household furnishings. But even more of a blessing was to see the people of our church, Holly Hill, and the community pull together to work where needed to help the victims. The devastation that took so many people's homes and possessions and reduced them to piles of rubbish can be rebuilt. But the spirits of those who cared enough to share their time, efforts and the love of God with others will minister to the spirit of these people who are affected and will be remembered after all signs of the flood are gone.

Yes, the Vanceboro Christian Help Center will continue to operate long after homes have been rebuilt, roads repaired and children are back in school. It will do so because this center was begun as a result of a handful of people who desire to witness the love of Jesus to others, and there will always be people who need the Lord.

–Submitted by Terri Jamieson

(Terri Jamieson is the Assistant Director of the Holly Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries and serves on the Board of Directors of Vanceboro Christian Help Center.)

Joyce Toler stands amidst bags of clothing that were donated to the Vanceboro Christian Help Center. She co-ordinates the clothing distribution to flood victims as part of the Center's Disaster Relief Program. Joyce is the Vanceboro PH Church Women's Ministries Secretary-Treasurer.

GET ON BOARD HARVEST TRAIN

This is just a reminder,
for we want you to know,
That Harvest Training is nearing,
and we want you to go!
So gather up your money
and commodities too;
On November 23rd,
we want to see YOU!

We'll meet at Gospel Tabernacle,
that's in Dunn,
The parade will start at 9:30 a.m.
and will surely be fun.
You can decorate your vehicle
or make a fancy float;
If yours is extra special,
it might get the judge's vote.

The highlight of the morning
is seeing all the girls and boys
Waiting at Falcon Children's Home with
their smiles and joys.
As you carry in the goods
that will help them through the year,
You'll be glad you are a part
of their special day of cheer.

When you arrive at Culbreth Tabernacle,
you'll be happy as can be;
For the children will present a program –
what a sight to see!
And you'll find folks near and far,
from all over eastern U.S.A.
Helping Falcon Children's Home
in their own special way.

So make your plans now,
and let nothing interfere,
For this special occasion
only comes once a year.
You won't want to miss
your chance to be there;
To show that WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
ladies really do care!!

FEAST OF INGATHERING

If you can imagine stepping into a beautiful and spacious banquet hall, being surrounded by the finest décor, staging and atmosphere...one in which any performer or speaker would be honored to appear... then you have entered the *John W. Swails Auditorium* on the campus of Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia.

The occasion was Feast of Ingathering 1999. This annual event is when the Women's Ministries leadership, along with friends of the college, gather to present funds that have been raised in the local Women's Ministries groups and their churches for the support of the many projects at our Pentecostal Holiness Church-supported institutions of higher education. This event at Emmanuel College was second to none, and it was quite evident they were prepared to thank us graciously for what our people had worked so hard to present to them.

The Emmanuel College theme for 1999-2000 is *Touching Heaven – Changing Earth*. As the program progressed, we became aware that Heaven has been touched as we listened to some of the students give testimonies as to how God has changed their lives and supplied their needs. The choir was the best ever. The anointing was powerful as we all worshiped together.

You cannot imagine the laughter that took place as we viewed a video presentation entitled *Nightmare on Spring Street*. The video depicted Barry Wood, the Emmanuel College Feast of Ingathering promoter, as having a dream that Women's Ministries would not be coming for Feast of Ingathering. Students, Dr. Hopkins, everyone was devastated by the effect this would have. They cried and got very emotional. This was a hilarious and unique way to let us know how important our gifts are each year.

In spite of all the disaster of the floods in the North Carolina Conference area, NCWM presented nearly $57,000 for the 1999 Feast of Ingathering at Emmanuel. The Kinston First Church was the largest donor with a gift of $15,000. Sonda Boles, a Ministry Group Leader from Kinston First, shared with those present how her group is able to raise their funds each year. This year they raised $7,500 by making and selling Easter eggs, a once-a-year project. Employers of church people who participate in the Higher Education Matching Funds program then matched that $7,500. Sonda stressed that having someone who has attended one of our church colleges serve as chair of the FOI promotion on the local level will greatly enhance the interest in the fund raising.

This reminds me of the parable in the Bible of the talents (Matthew 25:14-29).

We are admonished to use what we have to build the Kingdom of God. As we do so, He will bless our efforts. If we do not do our best, He frowns upon us. The Matching Funds program is such an easy way to double our gifts.

Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins graciously accepted our gifts. He told us that education is like a group of mountain climbers. To reach the top, we have to work together. Some behind pushing, some ahead pulling, and someone saying, "Come on, you can make it." Christ is the rock upon which Emmanuel College is built. Women's Ministries is part of the team that supports the students as they keep climbing toward their goals.

On the morning following our Emmanuel FOI Extravaganza, we traveled to Greenville, South Carolina, to Holmes Bible College. Students and alumni who provided refreshments prior to the Ingathering service warmly greeted us there. As usual, the program was excellent in a true spirit of worship and thanksgiving. One of their students presented a monologue on giving your best. The message was loud and clear that God expects us to support His work and we are blessed as we give to His glory. We were happy to present to Dr. Kenneth Waters around $14,500. Many alumni and friends of Holmes attended this event and enjoyed lunch in the school cafeteria following the program.

Thank you for again making the North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries the top donor at both schools. In addition, we are also sending in excess of $2,500 to Southwestern College in Oklahoma City, and $100 to Pacific Coast Bible College in California. With each new year and each challenge, we continue to set our goals high. Our colleges need our help and you always rise to the call. Your cooperation in the Feast of Ingathering promotion is very much appreciated. May God cause your cup to run over, pressed down and shaken together as you continue to support this worthy cause.

–Submitted by Phyllis Harrell
NCWM Board Education Director

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

BREAKING BARRIER CONFERENCES

Forty percent of churches in America have less than fifty-five in attendance on Sunday morning.

Sixty percent have less than one hundred. Eighty-five percent have less than two hundred. And ninety-five percent have less than four hundred. Ninety-eight percent have less than eight hundred.

Churches within the N.C. Conference have similar statistics. Fifty percent of the conference churches have less than fifty-five. This amounts to eighty-seven churches. (The consideration is organized churches, not all the preaching points). Seventy-six percent of our churches are less than one hundred in attendance (133 churches). Ninety-two percent of our churches are two hundred or less on Sunday morning (160 churches). The Conference has only fourteen churches that average more than two hundred in worship attendance. The figure is even smaller for Sunday School attendance. There are only four churches that average more than two hundred in Sunday School attendance.

A casual view of these stats show that the Conference is below the national average. The purpose here is not to be critical nor reflective, but only to say that there is work to be done. God is not dead! The Spirit is alive. God's purpose is to work through His children to bring His lost children home. There is no shortage of sinners. They are everywhere.

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Ministries is committed to work through the local church to win the lost. The local church is the key to reaching those without Christ in communities. In order to be a help to local church leadership, the Evangelism leadership has invited Dr. Owen Weston to speak in the Conference.

Dr. Owen Weston is an expert in the church world today in church planting and revitalization. He has personally planted and revitalized several churches. He not only knows the theory, but he has "done it."

Dr. Weston presently is the Director of Church Planting and Revitalization for the IPHC. He works with Dr. Ronald Carpenter and Evangelism USA, Oklahoma City. He will be in the Conference, November 1 - 4.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	50	Falcon Training Center
Nov. 2	9:30 a.m.	200	The First Church, Goldsboro
Nov. 2	7:00 p.m.	100	Greenville First
Nov. 3	9:30 a.m.	800	The First Church, Goldsboro
Nov. 3	1:30 p.m.	400	The First Church, Goldsboro
Nov. 4	9:30 p.m.	100	Falcon Training Center
Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.	50	Greenville First

Dr. Weston will be presenting the key issues involved in breaking the various attendance "levels." Each "level" workshop will be different. A workbook will be provided. There is no cost for the meetings. At least TWO CEU credits will be awarded for each "level" workshop.

The workshop meetings are open to anyone. Pastors and key church leaders are encouraged to attend at least their level and the one above their average. All key lay church leaders should be present - church board, C.E., Sunday School, Family Night, W.M., Men, etc.

Registration with the Conference Evangelism Ministries is encouraged though not required (registration helps with refreshment, workbooks, size of rooms, etc.).

Everyone is asked to be in much prayer for the meetings.

**** SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ****

Sunday, December 5th, has been designated as Evangelists' Sunday in the N.C. Conference. Each church is asked to pray for the Conference Evangelists and to receive a special Christmas love gift for the Conference Evangelists.

WORLD MISSIONS TRIP NOV. 4 - 14

Betty and I request your prayers as we will be making a ministry trip to South Africa in November. This will be our first trip to Africa. We feel the need to have a good number of prayer supporters behind us as we pray and minister.

We will leave Raleigh on Thursday and arrive in Capetown, South Africa, on Friday. I will be speaking at the Cape Bible Training Centre on Friday and two churches on Sunday. Betty will be speaking at a women's meeting on Saturday evening.

On Monday we will fly to Durban and will be there until Wednesday. I will be speaking at a meeting of area pastors and church leaders.

On Wednesday we fly to Johannesburg and will be there until we leave for home on Saturday. We arrive home on Sunday. I will be speaking in Johannesburg and meeting with the area missionaries.

Pray that the Lord will give us a safe trip and a very prosperous one spiritually speaking.

1999 "GO" OFFERING

To-date (September 30th) we have received $209,768.36 at the Conference Office. The N.C. Conference goal is $210,000.00. Our cash and pledges total $221,000.00. My prayer is that all the cash and pledges will come in. To-date 14 churches have not sent in all their pledges, and 5 churches have not made a pledge. Our goal is 100% participation from all the churches.

This has been a great year for the "GO" Offering. So many have worked so diligently and faithfully. There are some Day's Wage Globes still available at the office.

In order to count for 1999, "GO" Offerings must be received at Falcon by the end of November or directly in Oklahoma City by the end of December.

Presently, the district leadership are setting their goals for 2000. More information will be forthcoming.

MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

It is time to get in the Christmas Offerings for missionaries and for the People to People children. Time is short.

7-STARS

Time is short to complete the 7-Star Program for 1999. Most churches need help on star #6 and star #7. These stars may be earned by supporting any special project for missions and Hispanic church planting.

NEW MUG

The "Kindness" mug has arrived. Those who regularly support the monthly mug-a-month may receive their mug by contacting the missions office (Rose Nelson 910-980-1162). This is the fifth mug in the series of nine (fruit of the spirit). Anyone may support mug-a-month and earn a mug by giving $5.00/month. Other mugs available in the series are Peace, Love, Joy, and Goodness.

MOUNT OLIVE - PEMBROKE NOTE BURNING

The Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pembroke would like to give God the praise for being able to pay off the debt on their sanctuary. Present Pastor Chris Rooks, former pastor Tim Creel, the board and congregation participated in the note burning. The church's next goal is to build a new recreational center.

–Chris Rooks, Pastor

SONLIGHT PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH – NEW PASTOR

Sonlight Pentecostal Holiness Church has a new pastor. He is Rev. Clifton Jarvis from Virginia. He is pictured here with his wife, Wilma, daughter, Deana, and congregation of the Sonlight church. In addition, the Jarvis' have two sons, Dean and Michael.

Brother Jarvis' first Sunday was on September 12, 1999. His sermon was "Who Do We Say Jesus Is?"

Sonlight is in Leland, N.C. The church is excited about their new pastor, but expresses deep appreciation to Rev. Patsy Vaughan. Sister Vaughan has served the church as pastor, assistant pastor, and interim pastor. She will continue to serve the church as Minister of Music. She and her husband, Keith, reside in the Wilmington area.

God is at work in Leland.

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS

IPHC'S FIRST ADOPTION AGENCY

Rev. Wiley T. Clark, Superintendent of the Falcon Children's Home, and Rev. Marvin R. Whitfield, General Coordinator, ATAM, Inc. (Alternative To Abortion Ministries), announced recently the opening of a new child-placing agency for adoptions – New Life Christian Adoptions. The new agency was licensed by the State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services on July 6, 1999.

New Life Christian Adoptions' mission is to render the assistance by which children can be placed in the homes of loving, Christian families through the process of adoption. Adhering to the belief that God is Creator of all life, the agency believes that every child should be afforded the opportunity to live in a family that exemplifies the love of Christ.

New Life Christian Adoptions is located in Gamer, North Carolina, and operates as a part of the overall programming of ATAM, Inc., under the supervision of General Coordinator, Marvin R. Whitfield and the ATAM, Inc. Board of Directors. ATAM, Inc., located in Salemburg, North Carolina, was established in 1992 as an outreach ministry of the Falcon Children's Home, Inc., to serve as an umbrella agency for human services programming. To date, ATAM, Inc. has opened the Royal Home, a maternity home for young women who are faced with unplanned pregnancies and New Life Christian Adoptions, a second maternity home to be located in Greenville, North Carolina, is currently under renovation and will open soon. Superintendent Clark serves as Executive Director of ATAM, Inc. Ronald C. Butler, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Emeritus, North Carolina State University, is Director of New Life Christian Adoptions. Mr. Butler guided the final months of coordination with the State of North Carolina Division of Social Services that led to licensing. The agency's first social worker, Deborah Hairr, has eight years of social services experience. She reported to work on August 16. New Life Christian Adoptions will serve the adoption needs of the members of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and others who choose the Christian adoption option. The people who adopt children are generally those who have a desire to share their love and experience the joy and satisfaction of helping a child grow up to be a productive, happy, fulfilled adult.

New Life Christian Adoptions, located at 500 Benson Road, Suite 202, Garner, North Carolina 27529, has begun meeting with birth parents and prospective adoptive parents to discuss all aspects of the adoption process. In addition to the mailing address above, the agency can be reached by telephone at 919-779-1004 or 1-877-884-9775; or by fax at 919-779-1544. E-mail will soon be available and an Internet web site is currently under development.

PASTOR/TEACHER

MERRILL DAVIS

God Meant It for Good: A Fresh Look at the Life of Joseph. **By R. T. Kendall. Charlotte: MorningStar Publications, 1986. 253 pp. $8.95**

Why is it that although Scripture is replete with commands and exhortations to forgive others even to the point of going the extra mile to show God's mercy and kindness, that some Christians find it so hard to forgive? A common response goes like this, "But you don't know what that person did to me."

Few people have endured such harsh treatment as Joseph of the Old Testament. Yet he was able to maintain a forgiving spirit through it all. This book offers a fresh look at the exemplary life of Joseph, who maintained his integrity and a correct view of God and His ways. This man, possessor of the technicolored coat, understood well that what men meant for evil, God can design for temporal and ultimate good.

By providing homiletically rich material, Dr. Kendall once again has published a must-read for the preacher, Sunday school teacher – and any Christian for that matter – who desires to become a more effective communicator of God's Word.

Moral Earthquakes and Secret Faults. **By O. S. Hawkins. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1996. 196 pp. $14.99**

Os Guinness stated, "Despite its historic political and economic triumphs, the American Republic is entering its own time of reckoning, an hour of truth that will not be delayed. It is nearing the climax of a generation-long cultural revolution, or crisis of cultural authority." Fault lines that rumble just beneath the surface of American life lie in wait to set in motion moral collapses of perhaps catastrophic proportions. It's as if people are dining with the devil with a very, very short spoon.

Problematic as these moral earthquakes may seem with the world, the Church is not isolated from this moral earthquake potential. By using Bible examples of moral lapses such as Samson, David, Gehazi, Simon Peter, and the Prodigal Son, Hawkins shows what can occur when secret moral faults are not recognized and adjustments made. He stated, "When faults are left unchecked, they begin to converge and buld pressure below the surface until they finally erupt into a moral collapse."

Since earthquakes don't just happen but occur because of fault lines beneath the surface, this book provides answers as to what to look for in your own life that shows signs of possible moral lapse. Take for example the life of Samson. Here was a seemingly invincible man, a Nazirite, who had cracks in his character that made the foundation of his life unstable. His sin was inevitable. The consequences of his sin were predictable. Samson was a moral earthquake waiting to happen. His life was a prescription for disaster.

Christians must take a personal responsibility in asking the Lord to help eliminate those secret faults, those cracks which cause us to stumble. Whether it is pride, prayerlessness, wrong desires, resistance to authority, peer pressure, lying, greed or materialism, we must be vigilant in addressing secret sin.

But what about the aftermath when a Christian falls? You wouldn't think so, but one of the worst places to have a moral lapse is in the Church. Anyone can condemn, but it takes a loving and kind Christian to reach down and offer a helping hand to a wounded soldier. The author supplies comforting and non-threatening words to help us realize that God loves us and is always willing to forgive, restore, and place a fallen believer back into Christian service.

BRIDGETON CHURCH NEWS

The Bridgeton P. H. Church wants to let you know how God has helped us.

In the latter part of 1997, we saw a great need of looking into the structure of our church which was built in 1962. The engineer who checked out the structure said he thought it would be best to rebuild.

June 28, 1998, we moved out of the church building into our fellowship building which we used for a sanctuary until the new sanctuary and Sunday school rooms were built.

Ten months later the new sanctuary and Sunday school rooms were completed. On June 13, 1999, Brother Long, our conference superintendent, came and led us in our church dedication. It was a great day for us. We are enjoying our new sanctuary, and are so thankful to the Lord for bringing us through the building project. In the beginning it seemed like such a big task, but Jesus worked with us through every situation that came up. Our faith has been strengthened that God will help us in everything.

Some churches have to rebuild because of the flood. I want to say be encouraged! God will see you through and you'll come out better than before.

Just keep the faith and looking up.

Church reporter

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

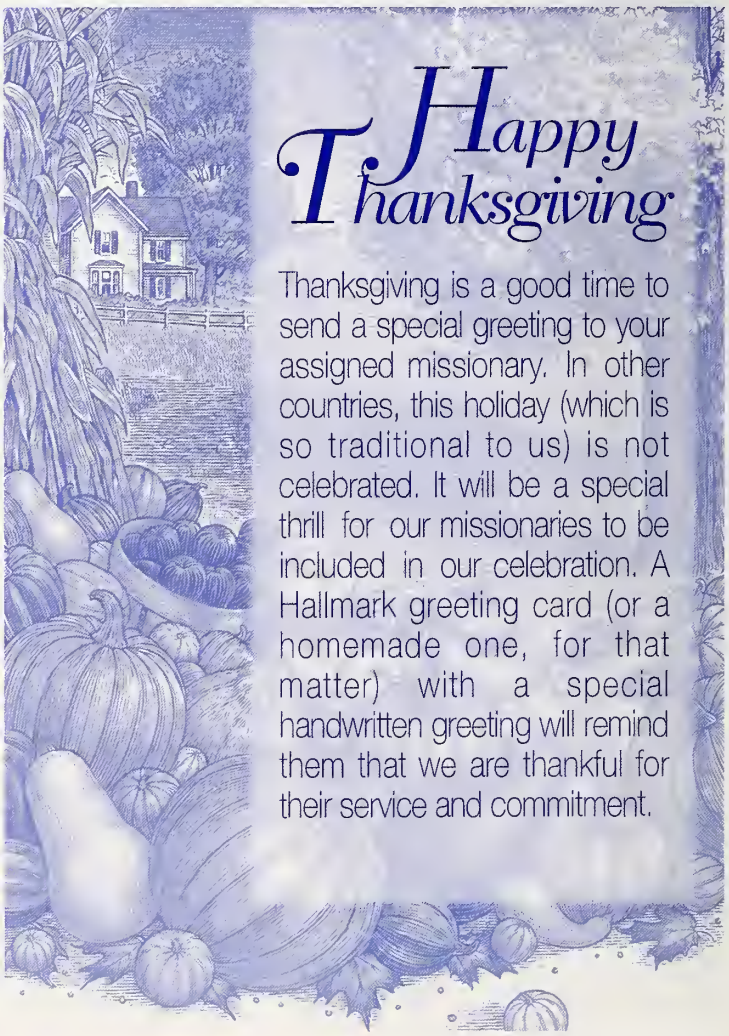
Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker
November 13

Rev. Ralph Lambert
November 23

Rev. W.O. Foreman
November 26

Rev. Kenneth Autry
November 26

Rev. Wiley Vick
November 29



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HIGH WATER MARKS

For those affected by the recent flooding, **high water** represents hardship, suffering, and great loss. The term **"high water mark"** has unpleasant connotations – understandably so – because many homes bear a literal mark showing how deeply under the flood waters they were buried.

In the weeks since the flood, I have heard story after story of suffering and loss, but also report after report of kindness, heroism, and selflessness.

— A man who, at great danger to himself, rescued scores of people from rising waters with a small boat.

— A woman who took into her home another family whose home had been lost.

— A couple who, unmindful of the stench, helped transfer rotten food from a freezer into garbage bags.

— Two teenage girls who handed $40 saved from their allowance to their piano teacher to take to her parents, who had lost their home.

— A man who hauled and set up a travel trailer at his own expense, and paid the lot rent to provide shelter for people he did not know.

— A couple who offered the use of a house at no charge to a homeless family – then gave it a thorough cleaning before they moved in.

— A store owner who doubled the value of a Red Cross furniture voucher.

I could tell a hundred more stories like this, stories of people who did not have much themselves but who gave selflessly to others whose need was greater. Ordinary people have risen to new heights of goodness – just because it was the right thing to do.

I have always viewed the **high water mark** of a life as the pinnacle, the extreme height to which someone rose — and I still choose to see it that way. Sure there were looters, sure there were gougers, sure there were people who sank to new depths – but there were also hundreds, thousands, who displayed in their lives a new **high water mark** during this time of crisis.

I am reminded of the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." With the passage of enough time the marks of "Flood Floyd" will be eradicated from Eastern North Carolina, but I believe these **"high water marks"** of the spirit will endure for all eternity.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY "Aunt Nova!"

Do you remember "The Musical Taylors?" I do! My first encounter with them came many years ago when they came to Peniel P.H. Church to minister. Their unique personalities and giftings made them a very effective team in proclaiming the Gospel to children and adults as well.

They went to small churches, large churches, oversaw children's ministry at General Conferences, and indeed were pioneers for full-time children's ministry.

"Uncle Fred" died of cancer a few years ago, but Aunt Nova is still active. Recently, Ms. Luetta Morris and I stopped by to see her, and she told us that she had never had a birthday party and that her daughter was giving her one on her 90th birthday.

The thought occurred to me that you who remember "The Musical Taylors" might like to send her a card to say "thank you" for their wonderful ministry to our church.

Her birthday is November 27. Please send cards to Nova Taylor, 4025 Percival Road, Columbia, SC 29223-8321.

– Contributed by Westa Barefoot

The Annual Harvest Train
November 23, 1999

The annual Harvest Train will roll into Falcon loaded with provisions to assist in caring for the Church's children. We extend an invitation to join us for this special occasion.

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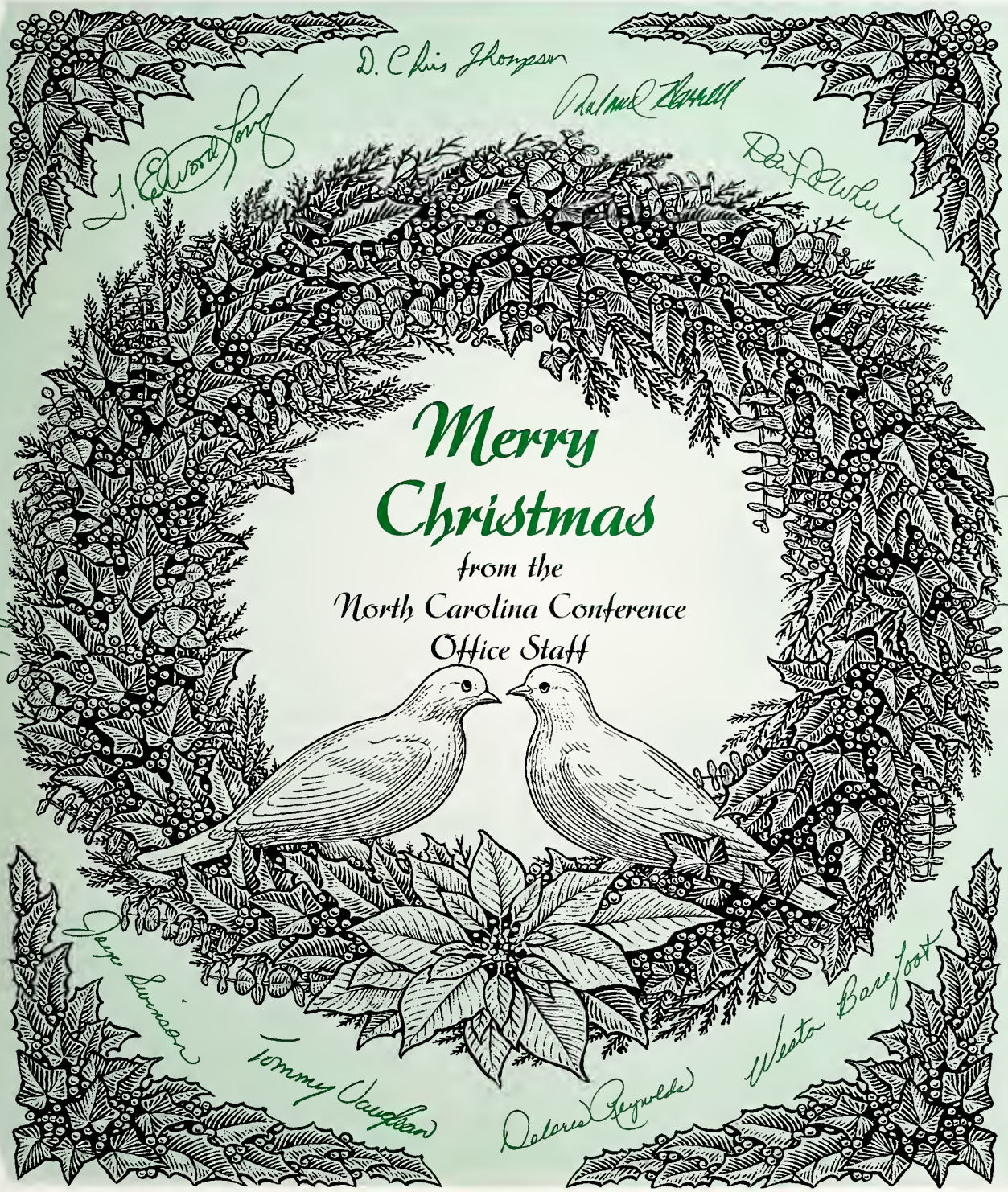

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

The Lasting Joy of Christmas

Luke 2:10 "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glorious announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord came as a powerful sunrise of joy to a world where sorrow, pain and varied suffering are known to every person and real joy rarely comes from the circumstances of life. It seems that in so many lives even when real joy does come it doesn't stay very long. The joy the angel brought to those amazed shepherds was not to be a transient, emotional moment, but was to be a lasting state of joy. This eternal joy resulted from the announcement that proclaimed, "in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," was born. (Luke 2:11)

There was an overwhelming reality of spiritual, emotional and physical health that seemed to flow out of that announcement to the shepherds.

The coming of the Christ into the world informed the world of something it needed to hear in terms it could understand. The announcement proclaimed that He would come to be born of a woman to make Himself of no reputation and, having been found and fashioned as a man, to humble himself to death, even to death on a cross. The fact of His coming is so meaningful and so pungent with the glory of God that it escapes the descriptive power of pen or tongue. Multitudes of writers of poetry and prose have sought to describe it through the centuries only to find themselves inadequate for the task.

What did this birth of the Lord Jesus Christ tell our real world?

The birth of Jesus emphasized that God's purpose for human life is not just physical or emotional or temporary, but basically the purpose of God for human life is spiritual. You see, the eternal Word of the Father donned Himself with human flesh, thereby signifying the fact that man's origin is divine. The incarnation of Christ does raise some questions, but it answers so many more. The questions it raises are simply and purely the rationale of the human mind which is at best only speculative. The questions the incarnation settles are deeply spiritual, moral and essentially basic to the welfare of men's souls. The incarnation answers affirmatively the question of man's creation in the image and likeness of God. The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ proves the fact to be literally true.

His birth told the world that God really is real. He is not some ghostly, unreal nonexistent wisp of the imagination. The heavens opens its doors and a new world came into view for the heart of man. A divine message came from beyond the immediate world about us. That message sounded "glory to God in the highest," as it was given by a host of angels. The shepherds to whom this announcement was given knew all about the earth and the world about us; now they were hearing from another world, the world of God in Heaven above. At the moment of that announcement the earthly world of the shepherds and the world of heaven blended into one glorious panorama of activity. This should not amaze

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us that it was with wonder that they went hurriedly to see Him who had come to them from the heart of God. To these precious shepherds God was no longer just a hope, a desire that He might exist. They understood after that night that God really is real!

The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ told the world that man is lost but he's not left alone and abandoned. If this were not the case no savior would have been needed. If the world of men had been abandoned then God would not care and would not have sent His son to save us. But the glorious fact is that He did come and he settled forever the question of whether or not God has a concern for the human race. Although man may have broken every commandment of God and sinned in innumerable ways the Lord has not forgotten us. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

The birth of our Lord and Savior verified the word of the prophets of the Old Testament. His birth declared that the priests who were learned men of the scriptures and the scribes who transcribed those scriptures into the language of the people were in fact men who had been informed from Heaven. They could believe the scriptures that said that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem of Judea. After that night, to a thinking mind, the Old Testament would be a living book because they would see that book in the person of Jesus Christ. After that momentous night of His birth it would seem to them that all the prophets and patriarchs of the ages would gather about them as they studied the scriptures from a prophetic slant of view.

The Old Testament account is so full of prophecies concerning the Messiah that it would seem impossible for one man to fulfill all those prophecies. However, our Lord Jesus Christ did just that. His incarnation affirmed the reality of the Old Testament scriptures even as those very same scriptures confirmed the reality of His own claims as the Son of God.

His birth also proclaimed that the human race will not be annihilated or exterminated from existence. The Lord did not just visit the race to rescue it from its present circumstances. He came and dwelt among us as John recorded and we beheld Him; we beheld His glory. It is because of the hope he gives us that we know that the human race will not be exterminated by some base men. The misguided messages of satan will not be able to destroy the human race.

The birth of our Lord also made it clear to everyone who will take a moment and peer into all of the treasures of His coming that this world is not all there is to it. Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke with all certainty of the world to come. He told us of things that He had seen and heard in the Heavens. He even told us that He is preparing a mansion for those of us who love and serve Him; those saved by His precious blood. You see, we are created not for just one world but for two worlds. Just as certainly as now we inhabit earth we shall one day inhabit the place He is preparing for us. Finally, but certainly not least, His birth tells us that death has been conquered and someday will be abolished and that life and love and liberty will last forever in the immortality promised us in the word of God. "For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8). What worse work has satan accomplished than to bring sin into the world of man and through sin produce death? **Remember the appearance, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ annihilates death and brings to every believer eternal and abundant life and immortality in this world through Him and in the world to come.**

To God be the glory!
It's Christmas time!

WELCOME

Mr. Ronnie Basden of Kinston First is the newly assigned Men's Ministries Director of the North Carolina Conference. We sincerely appreciate Brother Basden accepting this challenge to lead this powerful ministry. Please call on him to assist you in your Men's Ministry at your local church. You may contact him at:

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CHURCH NEWS

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Rev. Norman Butts December 13
Rev. Raymond Potter December 18

A Season of Giving

Report by the North Carolina
DRUSA Coordinator Danny Nelson

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40)

The week after Hurricane Floyd struck, I agreed to serve as Disaster Relief coordinator for the North Carolina Conference. I had no idea at the time of the scope and magnitude of the catastrophe that had just swept our state. Today I have a deeper and growing appreciation of the blessings of life.

Since the storm, our Lord's statement in Matthew 25:40 has taken on new meaning for me. Even as I write this article, thousands of families in Eastern North Carolina continue to cope with grave losses. Many are still in shock, unable to assess what it's going to take in terms of money and time to return to some sense of normalcy.

Over the past several weeks I have made several trips into the disaster areas. Two excursions especially impressed me. A few days after the hurricane, I took a video camera into the stricken areas, where permitted. Two weeks later I made virtually the same trip when the waters had begun to subside. The scenes I recorded have marked my life. The recovery will be long-term and expensive, and I pray that the IPHC will not forget or dismiss this pressing need. If we do, we will have missed the message of Matthew 25:40. Complete restoration will require more than a one-time offering or truck load of food. Though these gifts are welcomed and appreciated, we, as a church, must rally to long-term support of Eastern North Carolina, especially those of our IPHC family.

The homes of approximately 6,300 families were totally destroyed; another 8,000-plus had their homes declared unhabitable until extensive renovations are made. Add to that another 25,000-plus homes that suffered minor to severe damages, and we're faced with an enormous price tag, not to mention the loss of lives. Many vehicles were destroyed, and scores of businesses were shut down, resulting in loss of jobs and income.

Every family's loss was personal and tragic. Take, for instance, the 100-year-old lady who had taught Sunday school for many years in the Carson Memorial Church. She lost everything. Or, consider the cases of other senior adults who had looked forward to their retirement years. Now they have no homes. And how about the family in Kinston who owned a carpet business. The father is an immigrant from Russia. Though devastated by the flood, the family was already in their place of business, preparing to open before the waters had receded. I'm also reminded of many cases of young families with children who had their home totally destroyed. Several PH pastors and retired ministers lost everything. Four of our churches sustained extensive damage, yet they had little or no flood insurance. One made an especially strong impression on me. Posted on the door of the Carson Memorial Church in Greenville was a sign that read: "This building is condemned until extensive renovation is done and further inspection will then be made." I pray that sign will be removed soon.

The damages left behind by Hurricane Floyd were different from those caused by Hurricane Andrew in 1992 in South Florida. A large part of Andrew's losses were covered by insurance, because the water damages were caused by the winds. The vast majority of Floyd"s losses were from rising waters (flood). Consequently they are NOT covered by conventional insurance.

To date, we have record of 174 IPHC families who lost their homes and four churches (Trenton, Carson Memorial, New Vision, Springs of Living Water) that sustained moderate to total destruction from the flood. Thank God that the IPHC family has responded. We have received approximately $180,000.00 to assist our people in recovery. Many churches and individuals have sent monies directly to churches and families. There is no way to tally those amounts accurately, but thank you, and to God be the glory. Thank you, too, for sending and delivering numerous loads of food and building materials to the stricken areas. Many work teams have volunteered countless hours of labor removing debris and repairing homes. Groups outside the IPHC also have volunteered to help.

Pastors and their church families in the distribution areas also deserve a heartfelt thank you for their tireless efforts in responding to the needs of the church and community. I encourage and challenge churches, Church Education Ministries Departments, Women's Ministries, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, Men"s Ministries, Sunday schools, youth groups, senior adult fellowships, singles groups, and individual families to seriously consider adopting a family or church for ongoing support and contact during the long recovery process. The holiday season is approaching. What could be more appropriate than to adopt a family on which to heap prayer, personal contact and financial support during this time of thanksgiving and reflection?

For more information on how to provide finances, building materials and food supplies, or to inquire about adopting a family, contact me at 910-980-1481 or 910-980-1261. God bless you in your efforts to ease the burdens of recovery for your brothers and sisters in Christ in North Carolina.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

A NOTE FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF MEN'S MINISTRIES...

I just wanted to use this means to express my joy upon learning that Ronnie Basden has been appointed as the Men's Ministries' Director for your conference. I can't remember a men's event in the conference that he was not present and an active participant. Based on my association with him, I can only say that your conference has got a "winner"! I ask that you be in prayer for both Brother Ronnie, and the board and district directors that will be appointed to serve the men for the North Carolina Conference

Jack Kelley

Ronnie Basden
NC Conference Men's Ministries Director

MEN'S MINISTRIES 2000 CALENDAR

January.....Men's Ministries ***Enlistment Week***

March.....Men's Ministries ***Royal Rangers Sponsorship*** Month
18 - John Maxwell Leadership 2000 - Greensboro

April.....Men's Ministries ***Resurrection Breakfast*** Month

June.....11 - Men's Ministries Laymen's Sunday

July.....Men's Ministries ***Men of Action*** Month

August.....Men's Ministries ***Friendship Evangelism*** Month
26 - John Maxwell Lay Ministry 2000 Simulcast

September.....15 & 16 - Men's Ministries Advance - Falcon, NC

October.....Men's and Women's Ministries ***Pastor Appreciation*** Month
1 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday
Men's Ministries ***TEAMShare*** Emphasis
12 - 14 National Conference on Ministry to Men, College Park, GA

November.....Men's Ministries ***Send the Light*** Month

December.....***Disaster Recovery Team*** Emphasis (DRUSA)

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

January 2000

North Carolina Conference

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9	10	11	12	13 Regional Pastors - Founder's Inn Fire & Ice	14	15
16	17 Evangelism Appreciation Banquet & Church Planter's Banquet (6:30 p.m.)	18 Evangelism Appreciation Banquet & Church Planter's Banquet (6:30 p.m.)	19	20 Evangelism Appreciation Banquet & Church Planter's Banquet (6:30 p.m.) Royal Ranger's National Council	21 ATAM Conference, The Capital	22
23 Sanctity of Life Sunday	24	25 Conference Board Meeting	26	27	28 Cross-Cultural Meeting NCWM Board Mtg.	29 Royal Rangers ICS W.M. Leaders...
30	31 Rocky Mount District PM Missions Meals					

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February 2000

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		1 Greenville District AM Goldsboro District PM Missions Meals	2 Morehead City District AM Hispanic PM	3 Wilson District AM New Bern District PM	4 Clinton District AM	5
6	7 Williamston District AM Fayetteville District PM Missions Meals	8 Lumberton District PM Wilmington District AM	9 Raleigh District AM	10 C.E. Board Meeting	11	12 Finance Study ...
13 Finance Study Commission	14	15	16	17 Evangelism Board Meeting	18 District Talent	19
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12 W.M. Founder's Day	13	14	15	16 N.C.W.M. Board Mtg.	17 NCWM Annual Retreat - Founder's Inn	18
19	20 Goldsboro District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	21 Morehead City District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	22	23 Clinton District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler Conference Board Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Williamston District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	31	

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April 2000

North Carolina Conference

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						1 Conference Junior Talent
2	3 Evangelism Rallies	4	5	6	7	8 Conference Teen Talent
9	10 W.M. Happy Hearts Evangelism Rallies	11	12	13 Evangelism Board Meeting	14	15
16	17 Fayetteville District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler W.M. Happy Hearts	18 New Bern District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	19	20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23	24 W.M. Happy Hearts	25	26	27 Wilmington District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	28 Royal Ranger LTC	29
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May 2000

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	Finance Study Commission					
7	8 Raleigh District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	9 Greenville District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	10	11 C.E. Board Meeting	12	13
14 Girl's Ministries Day	15 Wilson District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	16 Rocky Mount District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	17	18 Lumberton District Sunday School Small Group Workshop Thompson & Wheeler	19	20
					Youth & Children Workers Retreat	
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June 2000

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11 Home Missions Sunday & Pentecost Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Youth Camp					
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2 Blanche King Scholarship Fund Offering	3	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 "GO" Offering Sunday	10	11 Evangelism Board Meeting	12	13 Conference Board Meeting	14	15
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16 Alternate "GO" Sunday	17	18	19	20	21 Annual Conference Ministers Wives Fellowship	22
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				Piney Grove Camp Meeting		
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North Carolina Conference

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3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 District Conference	6	7 District Conference Evangelism Board Meeting	8 District Directors' Retreat & WM Board Mtg	9 Buckaroo Straight Arrow Field Day
10	11 District Conference	12 District Conference	13	14 District Conference	15 Men's Ministry Meeting	16
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8	9 W.M. Happy Hearts	10	11	12 Missions F.E.S.T.	13	14
15	16 W.M. Happy Hearts	17	18	19	20	21
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19	20 NCWM Board Mtg.	21 FCH Harvest Train	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
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North Carolina Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

It's time to start Christmas shopping. I know it is because I got my first Christmas card of the season today. I wish I were like some of my friends who have all their shopping done before December. Every year I promise myself that I will not wait so late the next year, but somehow I find myself in the same predicament again.

In spite of my lack of efficiency in that area, I really do love Christmas. I enjoy the cards and greetings from friends. I enjoy the holiday fellowship. I enjoy the beautiful decorations, the Christmas music and church pageants. And, even though I do not enjoy shopping, I really do love giving the gifts. What could be more thrilling than watching the face of a child who has just opened a package that contains just the right gift?

I remember special Christmas gifts I have received. One in particular stands out in my memory. I must have been about sixteen years old at the time. Most of my friends had their own wristwatches, and I wanted one as well. I had put in my order for a "ladies" watch. In a family of six children, we didn't get many frivolous gifts. We usually got a toy or two and clothing, so I knew I was stretching it to ask for such a gift. However, Mama and Daddy made arrangements to get it for me. I am sure there were some sacrifices made on their part to purchase it, but Daddy was as excited about giving me that watch as I was about receiving it. On Christmas Eve day, he started giving me clues about my Christmas present. He even wanted me to open it that day. I can't imagine why I didn't, except that I most likely knew that would be my only gift from Santa.

On Christmas morning, as we all gathered around the tree, Daddy's eyes were on me as I opened the box that contained a beautiful Bulova watch. A ladies watch! Just what I wanted! I was elated with that gift and wore it for many years. Even though I have had many watches since then, that one was the most special I've ever owned. In fact, I still have it in my keepsakes. It reminds me of my Daddy's love and his excitement in giving me the perfect gift.

At this Christmas season I am reminded of another perfect gift which my Father has given me. This gift came at great sacrifice for He sent His only Son, Jesus, to earth as a provision for my salvation. His gift did not come wrapped in a fancy package but was born in humble surroundings to a couple of modest means who wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and used a manger for His bed. My Father knew that His Son would be subjected to ridicule and ultimately to suffering and death on the cross, yet He was willing to relinquish self-concern in order for me to have His Gift.

How wonderful it would be today if people were excited to receive His Gift! Have you ever given what you thought was a great gift only to see the recipient seem ungrateful? What a hurt and disappointment! What sadness God must experience to see His Son rejected and scorned by the masses. What a disappointment it must be to God to see us hurry through the Christmas season too busy to truly appreciate His Gift to us.

Let us, during this Christmas season, again reclaim the true meaning of Christmas. May the Peace of God and the Comfort of the Holy Spirit fill our holiday season. May the Joy of the Lord overflow in us, and may God's Love work through us to bless those who feel unloved. May the very countenance of God shine upon His children as we stand in His presence and receive HIS PERFECT GIFT.

HAPPY HEARTS VISIT RED HOOK...

On November 2nd, forty-two Happy Hearts boarded a chartered bus and headed to Brooklyn, NY. The purpose of the trip was to deliver Christmas stockings to the Red Hook Pentecostal Holiness Church. The church uses Christmas stockings for their annual Christmas pageant and for street ministry to the children in their community.

When Happy Hearts was organized in 1994, the senior ladies who made up this group would never have imagined that their handiwork would be used in such an outreach. In April of 1995, the ladies were informed of the need for stockings filled with appropriate toys which could be used by a Pentecostal Holiness mission in Brooklyn. In October 1995, the ladies arrived at the fall meeting with boxes of stockings. Those stockings were shipped by UPS and thus the Christmas Stocking project was begun. Each year since the number of stockings has increasingly grown. This year nearly 700 stockings were made.

Rather than shipping the stockings, the ladies decided to personally deliver them. Arrangements were made to charter a bus and plan a visit to the church. There was much excitement aboard as the bus arrived at

Above: Linda Thomas, Marjorie Teachey and Blanche Pollard are greeted by Esther Rosado and her husband at Red Hook P.H. Church.
Left: Edna Parker helps pack Christmas stockings at October Happy Hearts Meeting in Smithfield.

110 Wolcott Street in Brooklyn. Esther Rosado served as church hostess to the group and gave the ladies a tour of the beautiful facility which was formerly an Episcopal Church. Although the church is lovely, it is very old and in dire need of restoration. Pastor Donald Gray arrived to give a welcome, but ended up delivering a beautiful message and ministering individually to each lady. God's presence validated the trip. By the time the service was over, there was no question that the visit was ordained of God. Following a wonderful visitation of the Holy Spirit, the ladies were treated to lunch by members of the church. A time of fellowship was enjoyed before leaving for Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

In Lancaster, a visit to the Hebrew Tabernacle replica was most rewarding. The group also attended the *Miracle of Christmas* production and enjoyed a tour of the Amish farmland. The country style dinner at the Hershey Farm Restaurant was a special treat. At each site visited, the ladies were ministered to uniquely. Even on the bus, as hymns and choruses were sung and testimony given, God blessed and

touched hearts.

Special thanks to Marjorie Teachey for organizing the trip and to Blanche Pollard for serving as the Happy Hearts Conference Director. Those who made the trip to Red Hook are already asking them to plan another one for next year.

MISSIONETTES TRAINING...

The Gospel Tabernacle PH Church in Dunn was the location of a gathering of nearly 400 women who came from all over the east coast to North Carolina on October 15 & 16 for a Missionettes training program. Mary Belle Johnson, Executive Director of IPHC Women's Ministries, and Linda Riddle, IPHC Girls' Ministries Director, introduced the new materials that will be used in the Girls' Ministries of IPHC. GEMS materials will be phased out over the next year.

Kerry Clarensau, National Missionettes Coordinator for the Assemblies of God, was the trainer for the event. She led the attendees through the training manual and showed them resources available. The Missionettes materials, which Girls' Ministries will use, have been customized to reflect the doctrine and programs of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. They can be ordered from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639 or by calling 1-800-541-1376.

A conference-wide training is planned for early in 2000 for those who are interested in making the transition or who want to organize a Girls' Ministries in the local church. This is an opportune time to get started. The program and resource materials are excellent and readily available.

NC Girls' Ministries Director Sandra Britt invites anyone who has questions regarding the program to call her at 910-594-1229 after 6 p.m.

Mary Belle Johnson, Kerry Clarensau & Linda Riddle pose at the Missionettes Training in Dunn, NC.

Linda Riddle shows off some of the Missionettes items that are available at LifeSprings Resources.

A HOLIDAY RECIPE...

With holiday entertaining ahead, you might like to try this recipe for SUGARED PECANS.

1/2 pound pecan halves | 1 egg white | 1/2 cup sugar | 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg or cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place pecans in mixing bowl. Add egg white and toss with pecans until well coated. Add sugar to bowl and toss until sugar coats pecans. Spread pecans in single layer on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes or until sugar looks bubbly. Remove from oven. Loosen pecans and let cool for 10 minutes. (You might use them as a gift presented in colorful cellophane bags tied with ribbon or placed in a pretty Christmas tin.)

VIEWS FROM THE GIRLS' MINISTRIES RETREAT

Amber and Anna Strickland give testimony of God's miraculous healing. They share how God brought them through injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Girls show off plaques earned by their local GM groups. This is a history-making photo in that, with the switch to Missionettes, GEMS awards will no longer be given.

BELOW: Girls enjoy craft time at GM Retreat

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

Women's Ministries groups throughout the United States support the Christmas Missions fund. Money that is sent to the General Women's Ministries Department in Oklahoma City is distributed to our missionaries around the world. This is a Christmas gift to them and a reminder that we love and support their ministries. One such missionary is our own Rose Boyd.

Rose is a Christian Education Missionary who is director of Operation Teaching Tools International Ministries, which serves established Pentecostal Holiness Churches on foreign fields. OTTIM supplies training ministry as well as resource materials and teaching tools in Christian Education Ministries to local churches on the field.

Rose also assists career missionaries with ministry needs. OTTIM recycles used Sunday School, Children's Church and Youth Ministries resource materials from churches in the United States and ships it to various mission fields. Funding for shipping and purchasing new materials are needed and can be sent to World Missions in Oklahoma earmarked: Rose Boyd's Equipment Account #10074. Recycles and new resource materials can be mailed to: OTTIM, c/o Pat Aman, 309 Mt. Olive Drive, Newton Grove, NC 28366.

This 2-year term, Rose is based in Kenya, East Africa, but continues to travel back to the US several times throughout the term to prepare boxes of literature for shipping and to raise money to defray the cost of the shipments.

Rose teaching in a Women's Ministries District Conference in Mombasa.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

J. H. KING - A. E. ROBINSON HOUSE DEDICATION

At the conclusion of the 1999 World Missions F.E.S.T. those assembled walked across the street to dedicate the J. H. King - A. E. Robinson Missions House. The house has been purchased by special friends of World Missions. The house has been completely refurbished to use as a world missions home for missionaries. It is beautiful.

Town of Falcon, N. C.
1909
J.H. King - A.E. Robinson House

House moved to Falcon from Parmalee, N.C. It came by train to Godwin and then to Falcon by ox cart. Bishop King borrowed money for world-wide missions trip and when he returned gave house to the Robinsons to repay loan for trip. Florence Cooper Wellons purchased house in 1961 to prevent it being torn down. House then purchased in 1999 to be used as missions house.

Several historical items are in the home. The desk used by Bishop J. H. King is present. Several dishes and other items connected with Falcon are on display.

The house is very historical. It was moved to Falcon in 1907. The plaque hanging by the door reads as follows:

The first residents of the home were missionaries Althea Meyer and Betty Rogers. They have now returned back to the missions field (Malawi). The home is being occupied by Mike and Jennifer Oliver (and baby Ethan). The Olivers are itinerating to go to Israel next year.

The N.C. Conference now has three world Missions Homes for missionaries. They are the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home - Falcon, the Jackie Wilson Home - Clinton, and the J. H. King - A. E. Robinson Home - Falcon.

Itinerating missionaries are able to live in these homes rent free. They are responsible for their utilities. Wouldn't it be great if some church or individual paid the utilities? What a thought! All the homes are beautifully and completely furnished. OUR LORD HAS PROVIDED!

J. H. King - A. E. Robinson Dedication

FALL MISSIONS F.E.S.T.S

The Fall F.E.S.T.'s (Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training) were the best ever. The attendance was 233.

The missionaries present did a fantastic job - David and Linda Fannin, Dennis and Marylin Davis, Stefan and Andrea Hall, Ron and Sharon Wooten, Christie Baker, Mike and Jennifer Oliver, Althea Meyer, and Betty Rogers. Best of all, the presence of the Lord was very real.

Rev. Bruce Martin, Director of Development, Oklahoma City, presented thoughts on "How to Bless a Missionary." He did an excellent job and gave a challenging and motivational devotion.

Rev. Bruce Martin speaks at the World Missions F.E.S.T.

1999 GLOBAL OUTREACH REPORT

Presently the Conference Offering stands at $213,000.00 plus. The goal was $210,000.00. Praise the Lord this goal was surpassed. Another goal for 1999 is yet to be realized - that of 100% participation. Some fourteen churches have yet to send in their offerings. Most of these have pledged an offering. Our 1999 pledges actually total some $221,000.00 plus. In addition, some additional five churches have not sent in all their pledges.

We are making every effort to have 100% participation this year. The key to success is to have every church contribute something.

The General goal for the U.S. church is $1,350,000.00. We are about $75,000.00 short of this goal, but getting closer every day. May the Lord grant that the offering be reached.

7-STAR PROMOTION

Time is fast running out for churches to earn additional stars in the seven-star program. Last year the churches in the N.C. Conference earned 851 stars. Some forty-six churches were 7-Star churches. This year we are praying for 75 **7-Star** churches and for over 1,000 total stars to be earned.

STAR #1
Organizational Star
Local Director and/or attend functions
STAR #2
Monthly Missions

STAR #3
Missionary Star
Support a Missionary
STAR #4
"GO" Offering Star
Contributions
STAR #5
People to People Star
Support a child, Disaster Relief, Feed the Hungry, etc.
STAR #6
Church Planting Star
Overseas, or USA, or Conference
STAR #7
Special project star
Mug-a-month, Christmas, Bible School, Trips, etc.

For more information, contact Director Thompson

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

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PRICE OF PEACE NEW HISPANIC CHURCH

New Building

Prince of Peace Board

Sanford, N.C.

On Wednesday night, October 13th, 1999, Superintendent Long, Hispanic Coordinator John Parker and I traveled to Sanford, N.C., to organize the Prince of Peace Pentecostal Holiness Church. It was a great night. Some sixty-eight were present in the home of Deacon Alfredo Popoca.

The house was full of worshipers and the power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone was thrilled and and rejoiced as a new church was born.

The church is pastored by Pablo (Paul) Popoca. Brother Popoca recently joined the North Carolina Conference. This is his first church. He is pictured with his board. He is next to Superintendent Long.

On October 26th the Conference Board approved a loan to the church to purchase their first building. It is pictured above. (The dog is not included.) The building is 2,400 square feet on a fenced 1.4 acres. It is a beautiful location on Industrial Drive in Sanford.

We welcome this new congregation. The N.C. Conference now has 23 Hispanic preaching points. This is the 5th church to organize. Two others will organize before the end of the year. Several others are very close. The new church has forty members.

On Friday night and Saturday, October 29 and 30, the Evangelism Department sponsored a weekend of training for the Hispanic ministers. Some thirty-one were present on Friday evening, and all totaled over fifty individuals.

God is good! He is at work in the N.C. Conference.

D. Chris Thompson, Director

NEW DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Rev. Doug Barlett, Pastor of the Mount Olive Church, Mount Olive, has been appointed the new Goldsboro District Director of Evangelism and World Missions. He replaces Pastor Tim Creel of the Pikes Cross Roads church. Brother Creel has served faithfully for several years. He felt it was time to step down and allow another to serve. His wish was to give more time to the family and church. On Sunday, October 24, Superintendent Long preached homecoming at Pikes Cross Roads and presented Pastor Creel a plaque for these eighteen years as Evangelism Board Member and District Director (not consecutive).

We welcome Brother to the Board. He brings good experience to the board, having worked faithfully in evangelism and missions for a number of years. He has even served the church as a missionary in Mexico.

EVANGELISTS' DAY

Sunday, December 5th is Evangelists' Day in the N.C. Conference. All the churches are asked to have a special prayer for all the full-time evangelists of the Conference. Presently there are three full-time evangelists that are designated as N.C. Conference Evangelists. These are Vera Griffin, Paul Jackson, and Terry Whittenton.

Churches and individuals are also requested to receive a special Christmas Love Offering for the evangelists. This should be mailed to the N.C. Conference Evangelism, P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342. The offering will be divided among the N.C. Conference Evangelists.

The month of December and Christmas time can be a lean time for the evangelists. Revival meetings are few during the month of December. You can help to make this a better month for the evangelists.

CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES CONVENTION

MARCH 10-11, 2000

Friday night:
Huge Youth Rally for all Teens!
Special Session for all
Pastors, Directors, Leaders!

Saturday Morning:
Special Guest Speaker:
Tim Morrison
(Denominational Consultant for
Music and Fine Arts)

MORE TO COME - CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR!!
THIS IS AN EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Christian Education Department Statistical Report - July, August, September 1999

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1772	0	639	0	700	458
KINSTON FIRST	667	0	250	0	321	244
MT. OLIVE LD	309	0	184	0	0	0
CLINTON	354	0	178	0	255	218
THE FIRST	360	0	177	0	150	162
MT. CARMEL	378	0	174	0	213	115
WILSON FIRST	202	0	169	0	80	76
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	418	50	149	20	412	271
ST. PAULS	174	10	136	10	132	109
STEDMAN	280	0	136	0	205	105
SHILOH	289	16	133	20	189	90
SMYRNA	106	0	130	0	101	91
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	154	0	129	0	161	94
TARBORO FIRST	214	0	127	0	185	134
THE CAPITAL	350	0	125	0	170	172
CHADBOURN	220	0	122	0	0	90
BRENTWOOD	140	0	114	0	160	153
HARVEST TEMPLE	185	65	113	31	135	76
PENIEL	262	0	109	0	210	71
GRACE FAMILY FELL.	212	0	106	0	194	103
BIZZELL GROVE	163	40	106	27	80	45
HARKERS ISLAND	133	0	99	0	67	51
WILLIAMSTON	166	8	99	7	109	82
BENSON	167	48	96	21	140	83
LUMBERTON	155	20	95	12	140	82
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	131	25	92	18	90	56
BETHANY	155	5	85	24	109	39
ST. JOHN	130	0	85	0	35	56
BELFAST	134	0	84	0	94	48
MT. OLIVE (GD)	78	0	78	0		
NAKINA	83	0	75	0	30	26
FAITH GD	75	0	75	0	60	60
HARVEST FELLOWSHIP	99	0	75	0	70	64
BAYWOOD	135	0	74	0	76	37
PIKES CROSSROADS	187	25	74	41	145	47
ROPER	115	0	73	0	106	59
WILMINGTON	142	0	73	0	142	51
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120	0	72	0	86	63
REHOBOTH	139	0	69	0	0	0
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71	0	68	0	30	28
TYNDALL GROVE	75	0	68	0	30	25
ROANOKE RAPIDS	256	30	65	20	40	35
STANTONSBURG	118	0	64	0	50	50
WESTVIEW	118	0	63	0	102	48
MILLENNIUM	140	41	60	40	88	32
BOARDMAN	210	0	60	0	201	33
HOBGOOD	86	0	59	0	0	0
SANFORD FIRST	94	0	59	0	49	38
GETHSEMANE	256	0	59	0	178	48
MOORES CHAPEL	97	0	58	0	71	34
ST. MATTHEW	74	0	55	0	35	32
SNOW HILL	59	0	55	0	9	0
EMMANUEL	75	0	55	0	60	48
SHARON	103	0	55	0	41	34
MARANATHA	102	0	55	0	75	84
BRIDGETON	74	0	55	0		
HIGHER GROUND	123	0	53	0	58	29
NEW BERN FIRST	84	0	53	0	68	35
THOMAS CHAPEL	78	0	52	0	66	24
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104	0	51	0	59	34
TAYLORS CHAPEL	100	0	51	0	0	0
FAITH WD	103	73	51	64	42	37
MANLEYS GROVE	104	0	50	0	0	0
EVANGEL	210	19	49	15	105	39
THUNDER SWAMP	89	0	48	0	0	0
KENLY	122	0	48	0	0	0
HOLLY HILL	98	0	48	0	63	25
REELSBORO	106	53	48	37	48	29
BROCKS CHAPEL	170	0	47	0	91	46
SPRING HOPE	50	0	45	0	50	37
HAMILTON	75	0	44	0		
BLACK CREEK	74	0	43	0	0	0

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
BETHEL	58	0	43	0	0	0
ABERDEEN	67	0	42	0	63	23
HODGES CHAPEL	87	0	41	0	0	0
WESTMORELAND	159	0	41	0	108	47
THE GENESIS	119	35	39	34	51	16
SHILOH	85	0	39	0	0	0
JACKSONVILLE	61	0	39	0	10	31
NIAGARA	167	0	39	0	33	13
EASTSIDE	202	0	38	0	0	0
LIVING WATERS	52	0	38	0	52	25
ELIZABETHTOWN	50	10	37	12	18	16
JONES GROVE	47	0	37	0	0	0
GOSHEN	85	0	37	0	36	25
INDEPENDENCE	52	0	37	0	0	0
WARSAW	83	0	37	0	0	0
VANCEBORO	51	0	37	0	0	0
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	72	0	37	0	0	0
AYDEN	59	0	36	0		
SELMA	40	0	36	0	0	0
CARSON MEMORIAL	80	0	36	0	65	31
SCOTLAND NECK	53	0	34	0	30	25
GARLAND	65	0	34	0		
WINTERVILLE	79	0	34	0	0	0
WELDON	48	0	33	0	0	0
FAMILY LIFE TAB	58	0	33	0	42	39
EBENEZER	50	0	33	0	40	24
MIDWAY	103	0	32	0	78	30
WADES POINT	56	0	31	0		
HERITAGE	57	0	31	0	46	36
FRIENDSHIP WD	102	0	31	0	59	22
ABBOTTSBURG	42	0	30	0	17	24
LOWLAND	37	0	30	0	0	0
NEW VISION	50	0	29	0		
SNEADS FERRY	100	0	28	0	30	14
OAK RIDGE	64	0	27	0	28	18
TRINITY CD	19	0	27	0	0	0
ALBRITTON	69	17	27	19	39	21
ALERT	60	0	27	0	35	15
CORNERSTONE	43	18	26	13	21	15
CLAYTON	31	0	25	0	0	0
SIMS	54	0	25	0	0	0
TABERNACLE	58	0	24	0	33	15
TRINITY RMD	47	0	24	0	0	0
CEDAR POINT	34	0	23	0	14	8
ALLIANCE	41	0	21	0	28	8
VICKS CHAPEL	20	0	21	0	0	0
GRACE COMMUNITY	43	0	21	0	22	12
NEW COVENANT	71	0	20	0	28	21
SONLIGHT	38	15	20	20	28	22
LAMM'S GROVE	50	0	18	0	0	0
MIDDLESEX	21	0	17	0	0	0
PENDERLEA	25	0	17	0	14	8
CALVARY LD	17	0	17	0		
HOPEWELL	24	0	16	0	29	19
RED SPRINGS	70	0	15	0	0	0
LYON MEMORIAL	56	0	15	0	0	0
GOOSE CREEK	34	0	14	0	19	0
GRIFTON	30	0	13	0	0	0
CALVARY TEMPLE	13	0	11	0	12	13
NEW HOPE	23	0	11	0	0	
FRIENDSHIP NBD	9	0	8	0	8	7
WAKELON	11	0	7	0	0	0
CRYSTAL COAST	36	0	7	0		
GRACEWAY FELL.	8	40	6	40	8	8
LIGHTHOUSE	8	0	6	0	0	0
PLYMOUTH	10	0	6	0	0	0
WINDSOR	13	8	6	8	0	0
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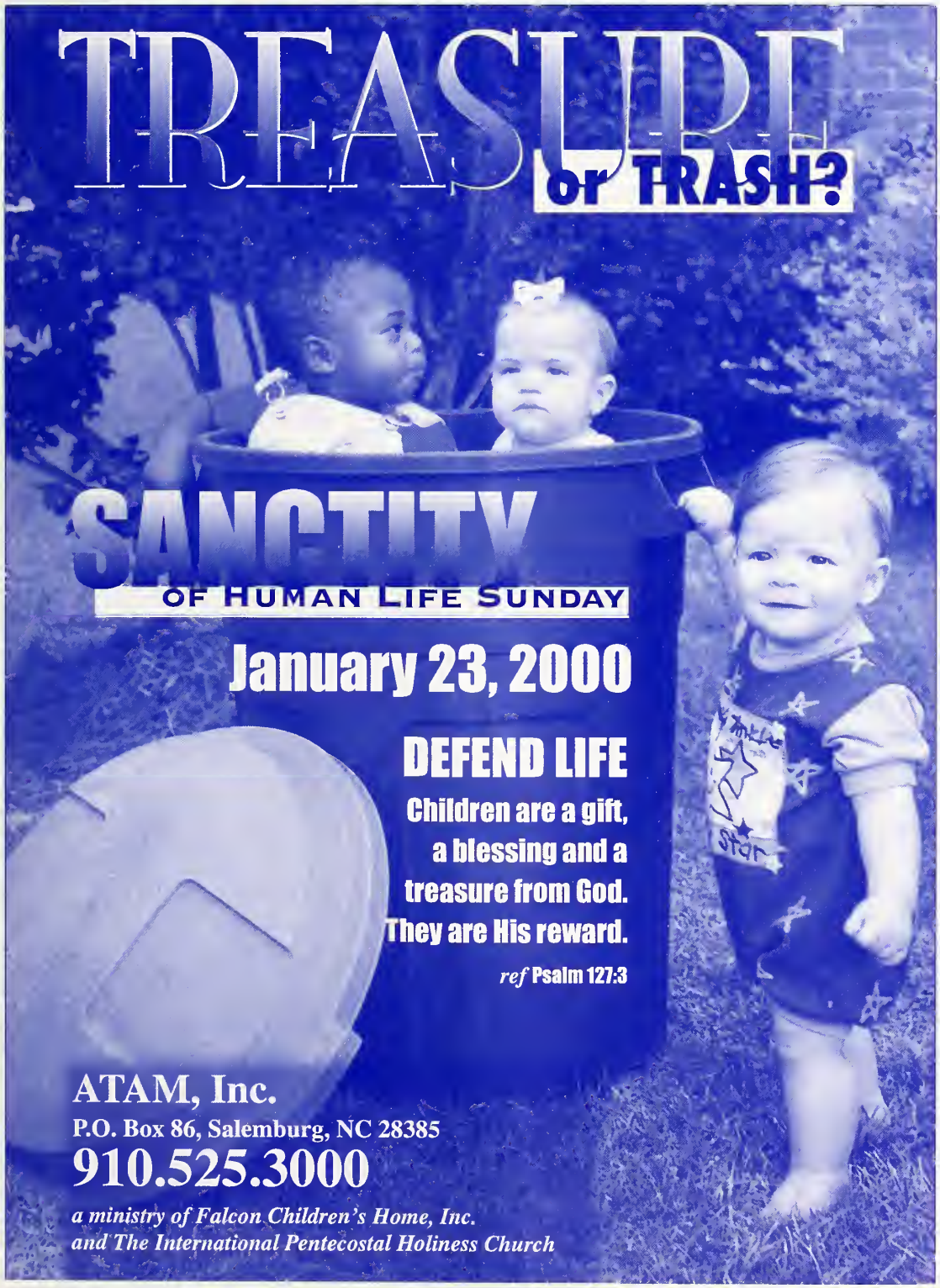

From the Superintendent

T. Elwood Long

Psalm 29:10-11 (NKJV) "The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, and the Lord sits as King forever.

The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace."

A few months ago in September of 1999 many areas of the eastern United States experienced a new trauma for us. We recall those days because they were so tumultuous due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Floyd. Never before do we have any recorded account of eastern North Carolina receiving such a deluge of water. Floods are powerful in their impact. The scriptures record the flood of all floods, the one of Noah's day. Yet the Psalmist speaks in Psalm 29 and he informs us that the Lord **sits** on the flood. What a powerful truth this suggests to us for daily living as well as in unusual crisis moments.

The verses of this Psalm march to the drumbeat of a powerful truth. Over and over we seem to hear the dread forces of the heavens firing round after round while peal after peal of thunder and flashing of light falls in the wake of the storm. The first verses of this chapter are a call to the adoration of our God. Notice the Word says, "give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." In the verses following, the path of a tempestuous storm is outlined, the attributes of God's divine word are rehearsed, and God himself is glorified in all the grandeur of His powerful presence. But the last verse of this chapter, like the calming refreshing aftermath of a rainstorm in the hot season, joyously and delicately closes the tumultuous scene with the assurance that the almighty God is available to give strength and peace to His people. Someone has aptly written of this Psalm, "it is a noble song to be sung in stormy weather."

In some respects it would be inappropriate to speak of our entrance upon this new year, 2000, as a stormy one, yet the very fact that we are entering an untried journey provides an element of stress to life, makes us reflectful and thoughtful, and sometimes even a bit fearful, as people are apt to be when in the midst of a mighty onslaught of wind, or under some radiant display of electrical storm from the sky, or in keeping with our emphasis gazing, upon a great flood flowing by, ever creeping higher with its destructive waters. However, there's great comfort and solace for us during these times of every possible stress in life that can be imagined. Those thoughts of comfort and strength are powerfully resilient by one brief expression in this Psalm; "the Lord sat enthroned at the Flood." Think of these words as they might relate to the circumstances of our entrance upon this new year, new decade, new century, and most emphatically, a new millennium.

First of all, these words suggest a crisis situation. A flood provides for upheaval. It is true that the earlier years of the twentieth century were full of upheaval. This upheaval was evident in the intellectual world and especially in the world of international relationships. Added to this the multitude of new inventions, new discoveries, never before tried methods of teaching, of learning, and new philosophies have assaulted our minds, including those of a religious nature. New expressions of old doctrines and truths have invaded the sacred precincts of our thinking. Escalated modes of travel and new opportunities to travel have fulfilled Daniel's prophecy suggesting that many would run to and fro and that knowledge is being increased. There is also upheaval in the moral world. People are facing, as never before, moral problems associated with marriage, divorce, abortion, and legalized gambling to name a few of those areas of tension.

There is also much spiritual upheaval and I hope there will be more. The last century has ended with an intense interest in the hereafter and many people are making contact with reality that goes beyond this present life. This suggests to me more than just a wistful dream but an intense hunger for God. You see there is no peace among the unsaved because they are wicked and their disturbed emotions and minds are like the waves of the sea that cannot find a place to relax. In addition, Christians long for a higher life and we know that it's available for us. In a book I read recently titled **THE GOD CHASERS,** I saw this emphasis wisely addressed. There is a hunger and many churches are opening their formats of activity to the control of the Holy Ghost more than ever before. It is a day to cease relaxing in traditions that have been encrusted with use and age and launch our faith into a new arena of activity so that God will bless His people and move upon His Church as never before. There's a hunger for God in the land!

Secondly, a flood is indicative of resistless power. As we noted during Hurricane Floyd, a flood breaks down dams; barriers. They burst through buildings and invade field and forest with their resistless progression. The flood of years provides a breaking down of barriers. The year 2000 is coming in with an onrush in our intellect with vast vistas of information and learning like never before. While we want to be open to what the flood is bringing that is good and cleansing, we must allow that which is useless and does not contribute to our good to be swept away by the flood. However, let me caution us to grab the valuables, the valuables of integrity and truth, honesty and loyalty, to name a few. We must not let these valuables be swept away by the flood of the new year, decade, century and millennium. In the area of morals there are fences that we must make sure the flood does not sweep that have safeguarded our children and young people. There are social restraints in our culture that have held back much evil and we must allow these barriers to stand. We must not let the flood of the years disturb that which is solid and faithful to God's Word. In the realm of religion there has been far too much a liberalizing tendency to a relaxed lifestyle where anything goes when nothing is declared as wrong or evil. This attitude has swept in its torrent multitudes from their moorings and has allowed them to float on a flood of unbelief as well as disbelief. The same resistless power is seen in the case of international relationships. We must do all possible to keep the "peace on earth, good will to men" of the Christmas season alive through the year and the years.

A flood also portrays tension and stress. I do not wish to be viewed as pessimistic and in no way do I believe that all is bad but I do believe we must recognize the bad. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that in the case of all floods there is a serious element of fatigue and danger. You see, we discovered that a flood is very likely to be furious and violent and utterly destructive. It does have a cleansing, life promoting and beneficial aspect. But a flood can go easily beyond the boundaries of the river and become the agent of destruction. Our response to the flood is what determines our course in days to come. We can allow the flood to destroy us by becoming bitter and cynical or we can take positive action in the power of the Holy Spirit and a lifestyle dedicated to the cause of Christ.

Do not be dismayed by the powerful upheaval of the flood crisis of the years. In the very midst of the flood we must receive a new inspiring revelation from the heart of God that will rid us of every fear knowing that all things work together for good to those who love God; "to the called according to His purpose." **In the midst of the flood we have a comforting God! Again, "the Lord sitteth upon the flood."** This position of supremacy is one of calm assurance, of confident ability and of tranquility. You see God is conscious both of His right and His power to reign. The Lord has no sense of misgiving or incapacity. He is aware that He can control with ultimate ease. Those who trust in God and believe in Him and walk with Him have the same assurance. We are keenly aware that nothing is too difficult for Him to do. We remind ourselves and each other that He upholds all things by the Word of His power and He can certainly guide all things so that they will work for His glory and the good of the human family. He is supremely capable in the intellectual, moral, social, political, international, and interracial arenas. And praise God He is super capable in the spiritual realm too! You see He sets the boundaries for the floods; He even holds the sea in the hollow of His hand. Simply, to quote one well-known passage, let me remind you as I close this article of some facts: "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth... Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?" Isaiah 40:24-28. That's our God and He's God forever. Praise His Name! He is infinite in love and wisdom and power. We can afford to trust Him. We can never afford to doubt Him. And now as we have entered this new year of 2000 even though there may be some thing about us that suggest a flood, we know that His unfailing presence will give us never failing hope and ever increasing joy in the comforting of the fact that the Lord sits upon the flood!

Whatever the new year is bringing your way know that you are safe as the apple of His eye in the hollow of His hand, because you dwell in the shadow of the Almighty.

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CHURCH NEWS

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church is Celebrating Life

on

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 23, 2000

38,010,378 babies have been killed in 27 years during the American Holocaust.*
These children will not see the year 2000 or celebrate life.

Theme:

Treasure or Trash

Children are a heritage...
treasure, blessing
of the Lord.

Ref Psalm 127:3

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The operation of Pregnancy Care Centers, Maternity Homes and Adoption Services. In 1992 The Royal Home in Salemburg, NC, was licensed for 6 clients and opened in July. It has served 124 clients from the states of NC, TX, VA and SC, which embrace 6 conferences. On April 30, 1999, the home in Salemburg became debt-free.

A second home has been purchased in Greenville, NC, and is being renovated. This home will serve 6 clients and will open in January 2000.

NewLife Christian Adoptions was licensed in July 1999 with its office in Garner, NC.

These ministries are made possible through the prayers and faithful financial support of individuals, conferences, churches and businesses.

ATAM, Inc., observes SOHLS in January each year. This promotion was adopted by the General Conference in 1997. Some of the goals for this special day are:

1. To raise the awareness of the IPHC and others to the tragedy of 38,010,378 babies which have been killed in the American Holocaust in the past 27 years.
2. To express thanks to God for the fact that the rate of abortions in America has declined in this decade.
3. To celebrate life.
4. To ask for prayer and financial help to enable this ministry of caring to continue to expand.

SOHLS

January 23, 2000

Theme: **Treasure *or* Trash?**

We must Speak the Truth in Love as We Defend Life

Every child deserves a chance to have a Birthday.

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MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

A Note From the Director...Ronnie Baysden

Ronnie Baysden

I would like to thank God for allowing me the opportunity to serve the men of the NC Conference as the Men's Ministries Director. Since my coming to Christ, I have been heavily involved for the past eight years in Men's Ministries. I have a strong desire to see men reach their maximum potential of serving our Lord within their local church body. Let me say that I came to know Jesus as my Savior through the Royal Rangers. I realize how valuable Men's Ministries is as they support ministries like Royal Rangers. I presently serve as the Royal Rangers Greenville District Deputy Commander. I feel that Men's Ministries is a vital part of our church today. We have depended too long on our women to carry the workload unassisted by masculine presence. My vision is that through this ministry, the men of the NC Conference will be brought together as godly men, men of integrity, men of prayer, and be active in their local church in assisting their pastor. Please help me through prayer as together we recruit men into God's kingdom through Men's Ministries. I believe that "God doesn't want a few good men...but ALL men to serve Him."

Two "Don't Miss Items" for the men of your church...

1 **January 13–15...Mobilized for Mission Conference 2000,** at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Call 910-323-4777 for information.

2. **Support the Royal Rangers.**
Here are several "Men Things" to support the Rangers...

- Promote every pastor sending his or her commanders to National Council, January 20-22, 2000, at Ridgecrest, NC. Cost is $103.00 per person based on double occupancy. Includes two nights' lodging and six meals. Speakers are Dr. Doug Beacham and Glen Ward. Susan Beacham will be speaking to the ladies.
- Promote January as Charter Month...$5.00 per leader, $5.00 per boy.
- Royal Rangers Sponsorship Program – This is an exceptional plan to build your Royal Rangers program.
- Promote every Men's Ministries' Chapter to help with their conference Royal Rangers functions such as Pow Wows, PLTC's, JLTC's, JCE's, JTT's, AJTC's, LTC's, and BSA Field Day
- Promote Royal Brigade – $100.00 a month for ten years, or $1,000.00 up front to help fund the National Royal Rangers Office.
- Use the Pinewood Derby as a (1) father/son or man/boy relationship builder, (2) fundraiser, and (3) opportunity to present the gospel. Write the Royal Rangers Supply House at P.O. Box 208, Franklin Springs, GA, 30639 or call 1-800-882-8043 for information.

Interested? Need more information? Call 910-323-4777.

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

Lines from Linda...

Today is a brisk, cold day. When I opened the door this morning, my thought was, "It is cold enough to kill hogs." Now some of you may not understand that, but it brought back lots of memories for me. My mother was a great country cook. She always had a table full of mostly homegrown foods... collards, beans, potatoes, ham or pork chops. Yes, we grew the ham and pork chops too. It was also about this time of year when we had hog-killing day. It must have always been the coldest day of the year. We children were awakened very early; but by the time we got outside, Daddy and the men folk had the hogs in the scalding vat. A roaring fire was burning around one wash pot full of water, and the other one had wood stacked around it to make a fire to cook the fat for making lard. We were not allowed to watch the actual "killing" of the hogs, but it was a morbid sight to me to see the men roll them in the scalding water, scrape the hair from their skin, and then hang them on the gallows to be butchered.

Even though it was hard work, this was always a special day as family and neighbors joined in to help us, as we did them when it was their turn. The men did the butchering and "salting down" while the ladies cut up the meat to make sausage and the fat for lard. When the lard was cooked, the remains that were dipped out were pressed to make "cracklings." The skins were trimmed and cooked for snacks. Almost every part of the hog was used in some way. Yes, I even helped clean the chitterlings!

At lunchtime, there was a table full of good fresh meats and homegrown vegetables. Pork stew and sweet potatoes, fried pork chops and collards were almost surely to be a part of this meal. One favorite was the stewed Irish potatoes with onions. Mama would season them with a little bacon grease, salt and lots of black pepper. She cooked them slowly and stirred them often so they would thicken. What a feast we enjoyed! At day's end, the neighbors each left with some of the fresh meat as a gift of thanks for their help.

As a result of that day's work, there we had plenty of meat at our house. Country ham for breakfast and pork roast or a boiled shoulder cut for supper. When we sat down at our table for a meal, we enjoyed the fruit of our labor.

But what I must remember is that there was much more to all this than the reaping of the vegetables from the garden or the "hog-killing" day. Preparation for the bounty had begun much earlier. For the garden to produce, the soil had to be plowed and fertilized and the seed had to be planted. As the plants grew they had to be weeded and tended in order to produce a good harvest. The pork, which we enjoyed, started at the birthing of new baby pigs. Daddy had to see that the mother sow nurtured her little ones until they were weaned and ready for food. He then fed them an age-appropriate diet to produce the best meat product.

Now, all this may sound gross to some of you city people, but it was reality out on the farm. And as I think back on those days, I am blessed to have learned some of life's greatest lessons through such events as this. I learned what it means to work together with family and neighbors and how to share the fruit of our labor. I learned that there must be some preparation in order to produce a good result. I learned the principle of sowing and reaping.

So, this cold morning I'm looking back, but I am also looking to the future. I trust that in my remembering, I will also in some way be able to pass on some of the values that I learned through childhood experiences to my children and grandchildren. They may never experience a "hog killing," but I hope the principles I learned from such events can in some way be instilled in them as well. I'm also really glad God showed Peter that pork is suitable food—for I really do love pork chops!! Pork chops, collards, stewed potatoes and baked corn bread — that's tonight's menu! Come on over for supper.

CLINTON DISTRICT WM RALLY...

On August 23rd, eleven women from the Clinton District Women's Ministries met at the Pizza Inn restaurant in Clinton with District Director Jackie Jones to make plans for and schedule a special Women's Ministries Rally for the district. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner of pizza, salad, spaghetti and choice of beverage. A time of laughter and fellowship got the meeting off to a good start. Getting a group of ladies together is always fun ... even if it is for the purpose of working.

After a time of fun and laughter, plans were made for the Rally. Excitement captivated each lady as she expressed her ideas and thoughts. The theme GET ON BOARD THE WINNING TEAM was chosen. This meant cheerleaders! Who were they to be? Charlotte Sinclair was selected as leader with Jody Wilkens, Blanch Sanderson, Brenda Ezzell, Alice Williford and Tina McCullen chosen to cheer with her. Cheers were practiced, and by rally time each of them had T-shirts which read "WM SPIRIT TEAM" and each had two pom-poms. Their participation in the rally proved to be encouraging and spiritual.

Van Small and Frances Jones served as offertory ushers, while Lucille Smith, Katie Smith and Kay Martin served as bulletin ushers. Blanch Sanderson and Brenda Ezzell did a spectacular job with the music.

Reverend Janice Marshburn was guest speaker. She gave an inspiring and uplifting message that touched the lives of each lady. She focused on the subject "We Can't Do Without the Coach!"

Thanks to the ladies of the Clinton District for a job well done. We now look forward to the NEW MILLENNIUM rally.

–Submitted by Jackie Jones
Clinton District WM Director

DID YOU KNOW...

- DID YOU KNOW THAT NOVEMBER 23,1999, WAS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME HARVEST TRAIN?
- DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FIRST HARVEST TRAIN WAS CALLED THE SANTA CLAUS TRAIN?
- DID YOU KNOW THAT REV. JOHN W. BROOKS, MRS. LILA WOODSON BERRY, AND MRS. DAISY MORRIS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS BEGINNING?
- DID YOU KNOW THE FIRST SANTA CLAUS TRAIN WAS FORMED IN GODWIN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1949, WHEN TWENTY CARS AND TRUCKS CAME FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, GATHERED AT GODWIN, DROVE TOGETHER TO FALCON AND UNLOADED THEIR GIFTS?

If you attended the 1999 Harvest Train, you did know these facts. On Tuesday morning, November 23rd, when we entered the Tabernacle, everything was dark; and there was a stream of water flowing down the middle aisle up to the podium. I knew this was going to be something spectacular. Reverend & Mrs. Wiley Clark, the Falcon Children's Home staff and the children allowed the Lord to use them in a spirit-filled celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Harvest Train. BESIDE STILL WATERS: JUST TAKING CARE OF MY CHILDREN, was a wonderful tribute to the memory of Mrs. Lila Woodson Berry.

Among the special guests were members of the Berry family. Our hearts were truly blessed when Mrs. Lila Berry's great-grandson, Robert Berry, sang **Shepherd Boy** and three of the young boys from the Children's Home brought baby animals and laid them at the feet of Jesus. The Berry family announced the establishment of a $50,000 endowment fund to provide college scholarships for young men and women of Falcon Children's Home.

The Tabernacle was filled with special guests representing The International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Conference Women's Ministries Directors presented gifts of cash and commodities totaling approximately $300,000.00 to Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, Executive Director of IPHC Women's Ministries. In turn, Mrs. Johnson presented these gifts to Reverend Clark for Falcon Children's Home. The North Carolina Conference contributed approximately $145,000.00 of this total.

It was a wonderful day in the Lord. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful and dedicated men and women using their talents to serve the Lord at Falcon Children's Home. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone involved in this ministry.

DID YOU KNOW that if you missed this year's program, you can make plans to attend next year? Mark your calendar now. The date is Tuesday, November 21, 2000.

–Submitted by Patsy C. Deese
NCWM Board Director of Education

Members of the Berry family were present to honor the memory of Mrs. Lila Woodson Berry, founder of Woman's Auxiliary (now Women's Ministries), who organized the first Harvest Train.

Mrs. Annie Mae Todd of The First Church Women's Ministries enjoys one of the new handrails which was recently installed at the Culbreth Auditorium. Rails were installed at each of the front entrances by NCWM as one of their quadrennial conference projects.

The General IPHC Women's Ministries Board met at the NCWM Office in Falcon prior to the Harvest Train in November. Pictured here with Linda Thomas (NCWM Conference Director and General WM Board Member) are Jewelle Stewart (Asst. Director), Linda Riddle (Girls' Ministries Director), Lydia Trevino (Board Member), Michelle Batchelor (Board Member) and Kim Hooper (Secretary to Executive Director Mary Belle Johnson). Mary Belle had already boarded the train when the photo was taken.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

2000 World Missions Meals
January 31 - February 9

The dates, locations, etc. for the World Missions Promotion Meals for the year 2000 have been set. They are listed below.

These meals serve each year as the kick-off for the annual world missions promotion. They also serve as an opportunity to say thank-you to the local church missions leaders for a fantastic year in 1999. It was one fantastic, miraculous year. More information will be forthcoming.

The guest speaker is Rev. Ray Brewster. Brother Brewster is the Assistant Director of World Missions in Oklahoma City. He will be furnishing an update on the total World Missions Program.

Those invited to the Missions Meals are pastors, local missions directors, certain invited guests, and spouses of each.

N.C. Conference Schedule
2000 World Missions Meals

Monday	January 31	7:00 P.M.	Western Sizzlin	Rocky Mount
Tuesday	February 1	11:00 A.M.	Ryan's	Greenville
Wednesday	February 2	7:00 P.M.	Wilbur's BBQ	Goldsboro
		11:00 A.M.	Golden Corral	Morehead City
Thursday	February 3	7:00 P.M.	Golden Corral *Spanish Speaking Meal*	Wilson
		11:00 A.M.	Golden Corral	Wilson
Friday	February4	7:00 P.M.	Ryan's	Lumberton
		11:00 A.M.	Ernie's Buffet	Dunn
Monday	February 7	11:00 A.M.	Cobb Restaurant	Williamston
Tuesday	February 8	7:00 P.M.	Ernie's Buffet	Dunn
		11:00 A.M.	Pier 20	Wilmington
Wednesday	February 9	7:00 P.M.	Berne Restaurant	New Bern
		11:00 A.M.	Ryan's	Raleigh-Garner

TWO NEWLY ORGANIZED CHURCHES

The Lord is at work!

On a cold Wednesday night, December 1, 1999, John Parker and I journeyed to Warsaw, N.C. We met in a small metal building off Highway 24 east of Warsaw. Some sixty people were present. Our purpose in being present was to organize the Living Waters Pentecostal Holiness Church (Hispanic).

The pastor is Rev. Gonzalo Covarruvias. Brother Covarruvias is a young man, twenty-five who joined the conference earlier this year. He is married, wife—Marcilea, and has three beautiful children. He is energetic and full of the spirit.

Some forty joined the church. There were twenty-five adult members and fifteen children. Praise the Lord! At the end of the service four were saved—three adult men and one adult lady.

God is good! We welcome this new congregation.

Pastor Covarruvias has also just recently begun a Hispanic church in the Clinton church with the help of Pastor Ken Milliken.

On Sunday morning, December 12th, Brother Long is scheduled to organize the Faith Family Fellowship in Lumberton. This church is pastored by Rev. Phillip Bland, wife—Holley, and their three boys. We welcome this new Anglo congregation. They have a beautiful rented worship facility near the mall in Lumberton.

EVANGELISM APPRECIATION / CHURCH PLANTER'S BANQUET

In January the N.C. Conference Evangelism Ministries will be hosting three banquets for the Evangelism District Units, all church planters, members of the Church Planter's Fellowship, and certain invited guests. The purpose of the banquets is to rejoice over the victories in 1999 and kick off the ministries for 2000, especially church planting.

The invited speaker for the meetings is Rev. Paul Brafford. Paul is the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Evangelism USA. He is one of our own. He will be focusing his presentation on church planting. In addition, I will be presenting the 2000 Evangelism Program of Work.

The banquets are as follows:

Monday — January 17 — 7:00 P.M.— Western Sizzlin, Rocky Mount
Tuesday — January 18 — 7:00 P.M.— Berne Restaurant, New Bern
Thursday — January 20 — 7:00 P.M.— Ernie's Buffet, Dunn

The program for the three meetings is the same. The different locations are only for convenience.

Visit to South Africa

On November 4th, Betty and I boarded a plane in Raleigh and left for South Africa. We returned on November 14th. It was a wonderful trip. During the trip I was able to preach five times. We visited and shared with the staff of two of our Bible Colleges—World Harvest in Johannesburg and Cape Bible Training Center in Cape Town. We visited and were able to visit with the following missionaries—Roger and Mary Gorman, Carroll Boatman, Ron and Linda Fritch, John and Gerry Talmadge, Tim and Beth Salley, Ted and Dawn Lubin, Carl and Camilla Sturkie, Genett Thompson, Joe Arthur, Ernest Turner, Betty Rogers, and Althea Meyer.

We were able to be in several of the churches. During the visit we met three of the Conference Superintendents and were able to spend some time with the Field Superintendent of South Africa, Reggie Thomas, and his wife, Marion. All total we met over sixty of the area pastors.

During the eleven days we flew some 22,000 miles and rode with the missionaries over 1,200-plus miles. (I do not drive on the left side of the road).

It was a fantastic trip. Betty and I returned with a deeper appreciation for our missionaries and our churches in South Africa. We are always blessed by the generosity and love of God's people.

Space will not allow to share all of our experiences—between Betty and I we took 29 rolls of film. Please note the pictures.

Betty and me with Rev. Reggie Thomas and his wife, Marlon

Left to Right—Betty Rogers, Althea Meyer, Gerry Talmadge, John Talmadge

Roger and Mary Gorman with Betty and me (note the ladies' hats)

Left—Ted and Dawn Lubin Family
Right—Tim and Beth Salley Family

A NEW YEAR'S DIET...

Every January 1 thousands of people make New Year's Resolutions. Many of them include a change in their dietary habits. This year as we consider the proper nutritional diet, perhaps we should also consider our spiritual diet. You might benefit from the following diet plan.

SUNDAY: Remove all "salty" (hateful) words from your diet. Repeat Psalm 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

MONDAY: Take our "syrupy" words that do not sweeten the Spirit. Speak truth! Free yourself of honey "sting" words (being sarcastic). Lock this prayer in your heart: *'And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).*

TUESDAY: Watch the pepper! Don't get hot under the collar. Try this meditation: Take a deep breath, count to ten and say *"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not shout!"*

WEDNESDAY: Don't pile the pasta of hate on your plate. You will get full of the marinate of misery. Amos 5:15 says: *"Hate the evil, and love the good."* Say this prayer: *"Lord, I hate the sin, but I love the sinner."*

THURSDAY: Take the oil out! Don't get slick! Say, "Honesty is the best policy." Pray before you say anything. Pray as follows: *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).*

FRIDAY: Don't butter up! Don't butter people up or use them in deceit to smooth things over. Spread the good news of the Gospel. Jesus said, *'After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven..." (Matthew 6:9-13)*

SATURDAY: Diet out doubt. Genesis 27:28 says, *"Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine."* Pray a lot. Give thanks unto the Lord. Lift up your eyes in victory and say, *"Father, I thank you that you have heard my prayer and that you will supply my every need."*

THE SAVIOR'S GENERAL WARNING:

- HATE IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH AND CAN CAUSE CANCER OF THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT.
- GO TO GOD IN PRAYER AND MEDITATION FOR A SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP BEFORE STARTING YOUR DAILY DIET. GET A CLEAN BILL OF HOLY HEALTH. YOUR DIET WON'T WORK UNLESS YOU DO.
- SHED THE "POUNDS" OF HATE, ANGER, WORRY AND RESENTMENT THAT ARE PILING UP DAILY IN YOUR LIFE.
- PSALM 1:2... *"BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD; AND IN HIS LAW DOTH HE MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT."*

2000 NCWM LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

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Registration Fee $7.00
Pre-register by January 19th

Call Patsy Deese at 252-726-6407 or 252-726-4142 for further information.

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Superannuated Birthdays for January

Rev. Daisy Morris	January 2
Rev. Ruth Heath	January 5
Rev. Virginia Bridgeman	January 5
Rev. Buck Parnell	January 16
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January 22
Rev. James McCandless	January 22
Rev. J. Russell Clark	January 25
Rev. John R. Stead	January 28

Available For Service

King E. White, Sr.

The North Carolina Conference recommends King E. White, Sr. for revivals, seminars and other special services.

Reverend King E. White, Sr. joined the conference in 1950 and has served the Lord and the church as pastor, on the Conference Christian Education Board, and as Pennsylvania Conference Superintendent. He has also served on the Emmanuel College Board, General Board of Administration, the General Executive Board, and as Financial Officer and Superintendent of the Children's Convalescent Center in Oklahoma City. He returned to the pastorate in Dunn, N.C. in 1978 and has enjoyed the pastorate and wonderful people of the Tabernacle.

Rev. White is looking forward to serving the Lord and the Church in other areas of ministry. He especially has a heart and desire to help and encourage young pastors.

In Memorium

Rev. Mrs. Mozelle Huggins Dowd

1916-1999

Into the home of Mr. Thomas and Daisy Jones, a beautiful baby girl was born on July 4, 1916. They named her Mozelle.

Mozelle was educated in the Fayetteville schools. During these years God had His hand and loving care upon this young lady's life.

She was born again by the spirit of God at an early age, between eight and ten years of age. The death of a dear friend caused Mozelle to plead with God for someone to tell all young people everywhere that happiness is found in the Lord.

At the age of 16 she conducted a revival in Bennetsville, South Carolina, where God saved so many until the church became too small to accommodate the people. They moved to the courthouse auditorium for the continuance of the revival. Mozelle Jones Huggins was a holiness preacher all her life.

Mozelle met a handsome young man by the name of Isaac Monroe Huggins. They were married on March 4, 1934. They began their long and fruitful life together. God smiled upon this union by giving them six children, I.M. (Ike) Jr., Oscar Lee, Myra (Roberts), Margaret (Thomas), Annette (Smith), and Beverly (Raynor). Each of the children remain active in their respective churches today. Mozelle proudly claimed six children, twenty-three grandchildren and thirty-five great-grandchildren.

Mozelle started the Stedman church in prayer meetings. Today it is one of our largest. She organized the West Area church and remained pastor for 23 years. The church was later moved to Lyon Memorial Church where she pastored until retirement in 1979. She was a member of the North Carolina Conference for 50 years. She was the first lady ordained in this conference.

Everyone that knew Mozelle Huggins would say she was a chosen vessel, used of God most all her life.

On Saturday, October 2, 1999, she went home to be with her Lord, and the host of others she won to the Lord.

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Prov. 31:26-31.

–J. Doner Lee

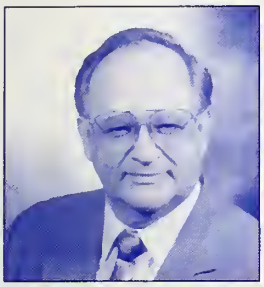
A memorial service was conducted for Mrs. Mozelle Huggins Dowd at Baywood church in Fayetteville on October 4, 1999. Pastor Ron Cannon, Rev. Elton Bryan and Rev. J. Doner Lee officiated.

Mrs. Dowd was a graduate of Southwestern College of Christian Ministries and was licensed to preach in the Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church in 1929. She transferred her credentials to the North Carolina Conference in 1950.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands; Mr. Issac Monroe Huggins in 1975 after 41 years together and Mr. Ambrose Dowd in 1987 after 2 years together.

Mrs. Dowd's life and ministry were characterized by her own testimonial in 1984 to Rev. W. Eddie Morris, "Be sure you preach the Word. The Word needs no defense."

–TEL



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Church Education
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INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Happy Y2K!

Well, by now we all know how accurate were the prophets of doom regarding the turn of the century. All questions are answered, and we are in the process of getting things back in order.

What a glorious opportunity we have to make a "fresh start" for the Lord! We have a brand new year, a brand new century, and a brand new millennium. What we do with it is up to us. It is our choice whether we let the coming year be "business as usual" or whether we let the Lord take our lives in dramatic new directions.

I would like to use this page this month to give you a checklist of upcoming events, and to urge you to prepare for what will be taking place in the next few months.

- ❑ ***January 29, 9:00 a.m.: Royal Rangers ICS***
  This is mandatory training for some leaders in this ministry. See your Outpost Commander for details.

- ❑ ***January 29, 7:00 p.m.: Youth Rally at Shiloh, Wilson***
  Youth Pastor John Howard invites young people from area churches to attend and enjoy the ministry of **Kristie Howell.** This dynamic lady has a special anointing to minister the Word through song and testimony.

- ❑ ***February 1: Talent/Ranger of the Year/Bible Quiz Registration Deadline***

- ❑ ***February 18–19, 25-26 District Talent and Ranger of the Year Showcases***
  A schedule has been sent to each church with full details.

- ❑ ***March 10–11: C.E.M. Convention***
  See below.

- ❑ ***March 17–18: Drama Workshop***
  This event, sponsored by The First Church in Goldsboro, is open to youth of all churches in the conference, and will include a Friday night lock-in. Contact Youth Pastor Billy Rose for details.

- ❑ ***April 1: Conference Junior Talent Showcase***
  This event will be held at Falcon at the Conference Campground.

- ❑ ***April 8: Conference Teen Talent Showcase***
  This event will also be held at the Campground.

- ❑ ***April 28–30: Buckaroo/Straight Arrow LTC***
  Leadership training for those leading our youngest Royal Rangers will be held at the Conference Cafeteria Training Center. See your Outpost Commander for details.

- ❑ ***May 6, 6:00 p.m.: Rangers Commanders Awards Banquet***
  At this event, those Commanders who have earned special recognition will receive their awards. Royal Rangers leaders of our Conference and their spouses are invited. See your Outpost Commander.

- ❑ ***May 19–20: Children and Youth Workers' Retreat***
  The Youth Workers' Retreat last year was such a success, we have planned an expanded event this year to include those who work with our children, as well. The Retreat will be led by our own people: Rev. Terry Whittenton, denominational Consultant for Children's Ministry and full-time Children's Evangelist, and Rev. Charles Boyd, our Conference Youth Pastor. Both these men are on our CEM Board and are eminently qualified in their respective fields.

2000 CEM Convention! We have an exciting line-up planned for you this year, as you can see from the schedule on the registration form on the back of this page. Tim Morrison, our denominational "Consultant on Music and Fine Arts," is our special guest and will be conducting two sessions on "Worship." In addition, there are "Financial Aid Planning" Sessions for parents of college-bound youth, information on "Liability Concerns for Church Workers, Drama Workshops for those who lead the Drama and Fine Arts ministry in your church, Bible Quiz sessions covering rules, structure, tactics, and strategies. Finally, there are four sessions for leaders during which you will develop your own "Personal Profile" using the DiSC method. Rev. Ron White is a certified instructor in this field, and we are blessed to have him with us. This information will help you identify the personality types within your church organization, and teach you strategies for reducing conflict. All four sessions must be taken in their entirety, and there is a nominal extra cost involved due to the price of the materials used. More information is being mailed to each church. See you there!

CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES CONVENTION

MARCH 10–11, 2000

Friday Night Schedule:

6:30–7:00 — Registration
7:00–Until — Monster Youth Rally (Tabernacle)
7:00–7:45 — Workshop I (Training Center)
Orientation and Updates—David Wheeler
Financial Aid Planning for Parents, Session I
Introduction to DiSC Personal Profile (by pre-registration only)—Ron White
7:45–8:15 — Break
8:15–9:00 — Workshop II (Training Center)
Liability Concerns for Church Workers
Financial Aid Planning for Parents, Session II
DiSC Personal Profile—Session I (by pre-registration only)

Saturday Morning Schedule:

8:30–9:00 — Registration
9:00–9:45 — General Session I (Tabernacle)
9:45–10:45 — Workshop III (Training Center)
Worship, Session I—Tim Morrison
DiSC Personal Profile (by pre-registration only)—Session II
Drama Workshop I
Bible Quiz I: Rules and Structure
10:45–11:15 — Break
11:15–12:15 — Workshop IV (Training Center)
Worship, Session II- Tim Morrison
DiSC Personal Profile (by pre-registration only)—Session III
Drama Workshop II
Bible Quiz II: Strategies and Tactics
12:15–1:00 — General Session II—Wrap-up (Tabernacle)

Registration Form *(detach and mail)*

Instructions: If registration is received on or before Friday, February 25, 2000, the cost is $10.00 per person, with a maximum of $60 per church. After that date, the cost is $15 per person, with a maximum of $90 per church. One registration covers the entire event, with the exception of DiSC training which requires pre-registration and an extra charge. **There is no charge for youth to attend the *"Monster Youth Rally."*** CEUs will be available for clergy. Mail completed form to CEM Department, P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342.

Church _____ District _____

Number registering on or before February 25, 2000: _____ X $10 each = $ _____ (max $60 per church)
Number registering after February 25, 2000: _____ X $15 each = $ _____ (max $90 per church)
Number attending DiSC sessions: _____ X $7 each = $ _____ (in addition to registration)
(Please print names of DiSC participants on the back of this form before mailing.)

Total number registering on this form: _____ Total Reg. Fee: $ _____ (check must be enclosed)

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"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it"

Ephesians 5:25

From the Superintendent

T. Elwood Long

2000 CHRISTIAN WORKER'S INSTITUTE

FEB. 28–29, & MARCH 1

The evening speaker for Monday and Tuesday is Clifton Smith, Conference Superintendent of the Sonshine Conference, Florida. He is a dynamically anointed motivational preacher whom the Lord will use to speak to us.

The daytime speaker is Dr. Owen Weston, who is Director of Church Planting and Revitalization with EVUSA, of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Lord has used Dr. Weston, not only to instruct and bless church planters and pastors, but to plant churches. He is a living textbook on the subject. He will be addressing us on The Jesus Model of Ministry and related subjects.

Schedule of Services

Monday, February 28

7:30 p.m.	Rev. Clifton Smith

Tuesday, February 29

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	(Devotion) Superintendent T. Elwood Long
9:30 a.m.	Dr. Owen Weston
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Owen Weston
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:00 p.m.	Dr. Owen Weston
3:15 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	Dr. Owen Weston
4:45 p.m.	Dinner Break
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Clifton Smith

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	(Devotion) Asst. Supt. D. Chris Thompson
9:30 a.m.	Dr. Owen Weston
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Owen Weston
12:15 p.m.	Benediction

Rooms are available in the Blue Dorm and the two homes (former parsonages) for $10.00 per night. There is an additional $2.00 per person/night charge for three or more to the room. Rooms are rented on a first contact basis. Dunn motels are also available. Meals will be available in the cafeteria beginning Tuesday morning breakfast. The Wednesday morning breakfast will be the last meal served for this event.

Ramada Inn, Dunn (910) 892-8101 #1 Choice
Best Western, Dunn (910) 892-2162
Econo Lodge, Dunn (910-892-6181
Jameson Inn, Dunn (910) 891-5758
Express Inn, Dunn (910) 892-1293
Holiday Inn Express, Dunn (910) 892-4400
Comfort Inn (910) 892-1293

The 2000 Christian Worker's Institute marks the celebration of fifty-nine years of strong biblical teaching and preaching by some of the outstanding speakers of the Pentecostal and Holiness persuasions. The North Carolina Conference, meeting in 1941, passed a resolution to have a Christian Worker's Institute in 1942 for all ministers, teachers, and Christian Workers. Each year since then, the Conference has sponsored a Christian Worker's Institute to train and equip ministers and Christian workers to serve more effectively in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ Special Events ■

Minister's Wives Fellowship

The Minister's Wives Fellowship will meet Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Full-Time Evangelists' Banquet

Full-time evangelists within the Conference will meet for a special banquet on Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m. Spouses are invited.

Continuing Education

Licensed and Ordained Ministers will be awarded one credit hour of Continuing Education for each of the sessions attended. The maximum is nine hours. (2000 is the completion of this cycle for Continuing Education Units.)

Music Director

Rev. Danny Nelson, Conference DRUSA Director, will serve as the Music Director for this event. Brother Nelson also serves on the N.C. Conference Board and pastor of Culbreth Memorial.

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CHURCH NEWS

Faith Family Fellowship, Lumberton, NC, becomes a church-type mission

STEPPING OUT ON FAITH

In March, 1998, events took place, including prayer and fasting, that led to weekly prayer meetings in the home of Gary and Roseann Tyndall. Then in April of the same year this same prayer group started Sunday morning worship services and mid-week services on a regular weekly basis in city activity buildings. In the beginning these were our mobile days in which our service locations could change from week to week and even from service to service but, praise God, a soul was saved in our very first worship service. Even though we didn't have some of the modern conveniences such as padded pews, there was still a love for God and each other that kept us together and meant so much more. There was even a joy in the hearts of those who set up chairs and other items for our worship services. Early on things just seem to flow together and into place even though some were actively working for the Lord not knowing the rhyme or reason for everything that was happening, but continuing to go on knowing that God was in control.

From almost the onset Reverend Phillip Bland had a name for our church family, Faith Family Fellowship, and he and his wife, Holly, were blessed with a slogan to go with the name "a church where you can belong." Almost immediately after the name was made known to our church family, Eric Townsend drew the wording for the name and it was later used for envelopes, letterhead, and signs. Although there were some very painful and stressful places to overcome, decisions were made and changes occurred, our birthing stage is behind us, and we are growing while in our infancy. Then our last Sunday, August 30, 1998, as a mobile church family gave us a boost into a more permanent location for our services with an offering of $3,033, with fifty in attendance.

During the past year we have been blessed with a variety of activities and regular services from prayer and praise worship to softball, wedding and stork showers, seminars, weekly Bible study in the home, revival and communion services. Yes, there has definitely been sowing, pruning, weeding, and we are truly looking to God for the harvest.

On Sunday, December 12, 1999, we were received into The International Pentecostal Holiness Church as a church-type mission with the Reverend T. Elwood Long officiating at this service. Praise God for His goodness and for His covering.

Going from one day to the next and from one service to the next, not knowing what is going to happen or even where you will be located, is truly stepping out on faith. Yet at the same time, it has been an adventure of a lifetime and there is all the comfort you need when you know God is with you. Pastor Bland has proclaimed that there is going to be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our city and we are looking for this to happen in our city and throughout the world. Praise God, forever.

– Linda Townsend

Note from the editor:

Assistant Superintendent D. Chris Thompson ministered at Faith Family Fellowship on Sunday, January 9, 2000. I had left charter membership open for 30 days. Brother Thompson received six new members. This church-type mission moves to a fully organized church status. To God be the Glory!

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis

1. Still the Trumpet Sounds

By J. Wallace Hamilton. New Jersey: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1970. 191 pp.

With extraordinary insight into human nature, J. Wallace Hamilton skillfully presents chapter after chapter of challenging messages that will serve any minister or layperson with much food for thought and lessens to share. The pastor of Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, for forty years was not seminary or college trained, but his writings offer so much in terms of Spirit-born and Spirit-guided preaching. It has been estimated that tens of thousands came to hear this man preach.

Still the Trumpet Sounds is a selection of sermons delivered by the author that are built around the central theme that in spite of all the learning mankind has gained, man must still deal with the fact of God. while the world asks, "Who needs God?," the need for God and His plan, and His Son could never be greater. No one can silence the Christian message for God is able to make even the wrath of men to praise Him. No matter how hard men try to ignore or avoid the reality of God, the divine pull is always there in the life of every human being. No one can escape God. As Augustine said long ago, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and restless are our hearts until they rest in Thee."

Let me encourage you to search for this book, unless it is already in your possession, and the few remaining books Hamilton had written during his ministry. You can thank me later.

2. The Second Coming of the Church

By George Barna. Nashville: Word Publishing. 223 pp.

The strength of this hard-hitting book about the present day Church and as to where it is going is that George Barna strips away the facade and curtain of the current status of the Church and reveals some of its major problems, issues and concerns. I am troubled, however, with the idea that the Church must reinvent itself in the 21st century in order to be effective. Perhaps it is a matter of semantics, but the whole concept of "reinvention" troubles me. Did God make a mistake initially?

Most effective leaders agree that change is necessary if the Church of today is to be adequate in meeting the needs of people all around the world. Change must occur in the Church to cope with the rapid changes of society and the needs of humanity. However, as the New Testament reveals, the pattern of the New Testament church was established in the early days of the Church, and I believe that pattern must never be tampered with or "reinvented." Jesus Christ will continue to build His Church until such time the Bride is complete and ready to be presented to the Bridegroom. No amount of new learning or new ways of doing things will change that truth.

Should the local Church become a smorgasbord of services that will satisfy almost any palate, young or old, and serve as a spiritual pit-stop in the fast-paced world of the 21st century, or should the local Church stick to the Big Four of what the Church used to do, the Apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers (Acts 2:42)? What is a true New Testament church anyway?

Barna offers some hard medicine for Church leaders to consider. His main premise is that culture reinvents itself every 3 to 5 years, and the burden of the Church is to change just as rapidly in order to keep pace. Even preaching is not exempt from change in Barna's reinvention of the Church of tomorrow. He is afraid that the Church will lose its platform to communicate and challenge this new generation because we lag so far behind. The author advocates niche-marketing that zeroes in on the needs of people.

Whatever your position on these issues, Barna's book presents valuable sociological data that will help any Christian leader in understanding his or her times.

Anyone facing the challenges of doing God's will and reaching the next generation will find *The Second Coming of the Church* beneficial, provocative and challenging. In my opinion, I respectfully submit, dear reader, the Lord Jesus Christ never says, "Oops!"

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

A Note From the Director...Ronnie Basden

As you read this, one thing is for sure; we are into the year 2000! Let me ask you to consider several items. (1) Has your chapter sent me their annual report? (2) If your men's group has changed leadership...please send in their names and addresses. (3) Do you have Pastor's Prayer Partners? If not, I really urge you to do this. Please let me know if you need information. (4) Got your calendar marked for September 15–16? That's our conference Men's Advance. Let me urge you to make sure your pastor and men are planning to be at Falcon for this event. (5) Check the calendar of men's events that was in the last Evangel. Remember, the Men's Ministries Board and District Directors are ready to assist you and the men of your church.

Mobilizing Men for Ministry,
Ronnie Basden

Reaching a Million Men - The million book give away! In Patrick Morley's book "The Man in the Mirror" he covers how to solve the 24 problems men face. It's a great book! Here's the deal...(1) if you or your chapter would like to use this book as a gift to the men in your chapter or church and/or (2) as a gift to men who need to know Christ (3) men who are not walking with Him, (4) men who will use the book in a small group study...then you can get the book FREE! Call Man In The Mirror at 1-800-929-2536. The books come in a case of 50 books for $14.50 (which covers the cost of shipping and handling). So, order a case, or several cases, and use them as a Father's Day gift. The books will be shipped in late April or May 2000, in time for Father's Day. Call our Men's Ministries office at 910-323-4777 for additional ideas on how to use the books.

Royal Rangers Sponsorship Month - mark your calendar now for what your men can do in March. How about sponsoring each Royal Ranger in your church? How? (1) Pray for him daily, (2) Encourage him when you see him, (3) Financially support your Royal Rangers Outpost with $1.00 a week for a year. The purpose of sponsorship is two-fold. First, to assure that each boy is encouraged and prayed for, and second, to raise money for the Royal Rangers ministry. See your Outpost commander for details or call 910-323-4777.

The Leader vs. The Loser

The **leader** is always part of the answer. The ***loser*** is always part of the problem.

The **leader** always has a program. The ***loser*** always has an excuse.

The **leader** says, "Let me do it for you." The ***loser*** says, "That's not my job."

The **leader** sees an answer for every problem. The ***loser*** sees a problem for every answer.

The **leader** says, "It may be difficult but it's possible. The ***loser*** says, "It may be possible but it's too difficult."

Are you a leader or a loser?

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

LINES FROM LINDA...

In preparing to write this Valentine's Day article, I wanted to share something sweet and romantic. Hearts and roses seemed to fit the bill. But as I prayed and sought the Lord for what to write, I was reminded that true love goes way beyond candlelight and romance.

In this age, love is a very misunderstood word. Today's vocabulary has cheapened it. To many, love simply means physical attraction. To some, it only lasts as long as things are going "my way." Others expect love to be like the storybook tales of riding off into the sunset of ecstasy without the rigor of life's problems.

The dictionary gives several definitions of love. Yes, it is strong affection; but it is also much, much more. The one word that I believe best describes true love is not included in Webster's book. However, it is very much exampled in God's Book. Most of us who have lived very long know that true love involves a much more resolute word. That word is COMMITMENT.

Perhaps we are not doing a good job of teaching this virtue to our younger generation. It seems that commitment is almost a lost art in society today. More and more we are seeing the results of its lack. Job performance, church attendance, and home life are suffering because we only want to do what is convenient for us.

Our children thought I was a toughie because I usually insisted on them following through on whatever they started. Only in extreme cases did I allow them to drop out of anything. If they signed up for piano, they had to finish out the year. If they signed up to play ball, they were expected to be loyal to their coach and team. I hope this training will stick with them and benefit them in their relationships...at home, on the job, and in their spiritual lives.

Marriages and families today are suffering because people are not committed to relationships. When we stand before God and make our vows, "For better or worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health," I believe God sees that as commitment. We aren't released from that commitment the first time a bad wind blows. Hearts are broken and homes are destroyed because someone doesn't understand that love means commitment.

I must admit, I have real problems accepting excuses from people who simply just are not committed. There is a song titled, "Love Will Find a Way"; and I guess I believe that in most instances. I know there are extreme cases when physical or emotional damage cannot be tolerated, and God knows and understands every circumstance. But we must be careful not to let the trends of the times cause us to follow the wrong examples.

Yes, I believe true love is commitment. Even when tempted to stray, commitment will cause one to stay put. Commitment will cause one to be present when perhaps valid reasoning for being absent could be offered. Being committed to a cause will give us the extra courage to stand boldly against the wiles of Satan and be willing to go through the battle to win our cause.

Let us be reminded of what God's Word says. "Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever." (1 Cor. 13:4–8, TLB)

So in this Season of Love, may we all determine to put COMMITMENT in action and make it synonymous with love...in our relationships with family, with friends, and with God.

PRAY2K

AMERICA'S HOPE FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

PRAY2K...AMERICA'S HOPE FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM...Is the theme for the forty-ninth annual National Day of Prayer, which is to be observed on Thursday, May 4, 2000. The scripture theme is taken from Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (NIV). Chairman Shirley Dobson states in the Official National Day of Prayer Newsletter, "Our emphasis is on prayer being our greatest hope as we enter a new century. Only in response to our supplications will the Lord heal our land."

America truly needs a change of heart and direction. That change can occur as the North Carolina Conference of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church boldly approaches the throne of God in behalf of our great nation. James' words, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," still stands.

Additional information and resources for observing National Day of Prayer can be received from:

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Web Site: www.ndptf.org

PARENTS OF P.O.P. PRODIGALS

The Prodigals Are Coming Home!

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. (Luke 15:23–24)

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT P.O.P.?

P.O.P. stands for Parents of Prodigals. This is an outreach ministry for parents of children who are involved in drug abuse, alcohol abuse, homosexuality, or other destructive lifestyles. If you know parents who feel helpless or abandoned, as they watch their child rebel against Christian principles, this ministry is designed to help them understand God's will for their children. It will assist in developing parent support groups who will unite and agree in prayer for the deliverance and salvation of their children.

NCWM wholeheartedly endorses P.O.P. We have been approached on a number of occasions by parents who are desperately in need of this type of ministry.

Mrs. Janie Howard is the founder and administrator of P.O.P. She will be happy to speak to your church or group and share what God has given her as weapons to fight Satan on behalf of prodigals. She will also be available to help parents organize support/prayer groups. God has given her a burning burden to share her own experiences and to develop a concerted method of prayer and support among parents of prodigals. The ultimate goal of this ministry is deliverance of prodigal children from the bondage of sin.

Janie can be reached at P.O. Box 1757, Winterville, NC, or by telephone at 252-756-4434. She does not make a charge for her services; however, since this is a non-funded ministry, we know that you will want to cover her expenses as she visits your church or group.

IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

By Erma Bombeck

If I had my life to live over again,

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the "good" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble on about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

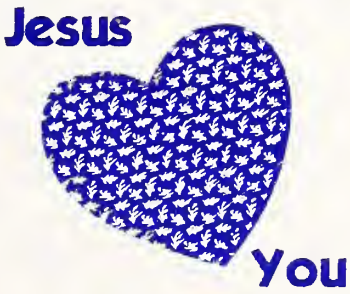
I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later! Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more "I love yous"... more "I'm sorrys"... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute, look at it and really see it, live it, and never give it back.

Erma Bombeck died from cancer several years ago. We can all glean some good advice from her words of wisdom. In 2000, let's resolve to put first things first and value what is really important.



Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelist Vera Griffin

Evangelist Vera Griffin joined the ranks of the superannuated ministers as of December 31st. This certainly does not mean she has stopped preaching, teaching, and ministering. She continues to do so. Below in her own words are a few words describing her thirty years as a Conference Evangelist. Vera, two words are in order — WELL DONE!

Vera Griffin

Romans 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Little did I know when I made a trip to North Carolina that I would spend thirty-six years ministering in the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Thirty of those years I served as Conference Evangelist. Looking back at those years, the greatest and most rewarding years of my life, my soul breaks forth with spontaneous praise.

It was customary to book ten-day or two-week revivals in the 1970s. Many times we just could not close in two weeks. One such revival was at Thompson Chapel when Sister Lynette Mosley was pastoring there. The first Sunday night it seemed there was a special spot at the altar. Everybody that stepped into that special spot was touched in a special way by the Lord. People were waiting in line to get into that spot. The "laughing movement" had never been heard of at that time but we laughed and praised the Lord with everybody who was blessed that night.

In that same revival when the pulpit was given to me, I would sing. When I began to sing the altar would fill. After several nights of this the people started saying, "Don't sing, we want to hear you preach." Those were blessed days.

The Statesville Church had scheduled me for a week-revival one year. At the end of that week the revival was doing so well we knew that it must continue. But, I was scheduled for a week in Virginia. So we just asked another evangelist to preach the second week. When I closed out in Virginia I came back and preached the third week. We saw the Lord do great things in those days.

December 5, 1972, I underwent surgery on my throat. The doctor promised that my voice would be normal when I recovered. But it was far from normal. I only had broken syllables and puffs of air when I tried to talk. My world seemed to fall in when on January 15, 1973, the doctor told me that I was a minister without a voice and would never preach again, not even with the aid of a microphone.

I left the hospital, went home and picked up the microphone to the tape recorder, and with broken syllables and puffs of air I recorded, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" Isaiah 26:3. Twenty-three days later, every day recording the same scripture, God gave me a new voice. How faithful and true our Lord is!

1985 was the year that the message on "Praise and Worship" struck like fire in my soul. It seemed to me that the entire Bible had to do with praise and worship. I preached it and wept over our people. We have missed so much through the years because of having a form of worship. Now it makes me so glad when I walk into the tabernacle or into one of our churches and the congregation enters into true worship.

In 1987 I experienced deliverance, and in turn started teaching and ministering deliverance to our people. I began to have more compassion for people because I understand why we have some of the problems we have. I understand why some people keep falling in the same place. I understand that iniquities can be passed down but sin cannot. I understand that trauma and loss can alter or damage our emotions. And Satan would have it that way so that you can't worship God as you did before unless you are set free and healed. If he can keep you from receiving the truth of deliverance, he can keep you bound and there is not any worship. Many have been set free and healed of hurts from the past.

"Spiritual Warfare" is the message of the hour. And it will continue to be the message for the remainder of this dispensation. I have studied it and taught it for ten years. I say with Paul, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood..."

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(Eph. 6:12), and "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal..." (2 Cor. 10:4). We have mighty weapons through God. So let us pull down every high thing that exalts itself against God. And let us bring every thought to the obedience of Christ. As we learn the devices of Satan and we use our mighty weapons which God has given us to use, we will overcome Satan.

These have been good and wonderful years. Each church, each pastor and their family, hold a very special place in my heart. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Vera E. Griffin
20391 Clyde Drive
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1999 "GO" OFFERING

The final "GO" Offering for the Conference stands at $220,924.54. It was a great year! Pastors, churches, and individuals came through with sacrificial giving. All but five churches pledged an offering for the year. All but ten churches gave an offering. The flood did have an adverse effect on some of the churches.

Praise the Lord for this great offering. The goal was $210,000.00. The total was 5% over the goal and 10% over last year's offering.

Seven districts had 100% participation. They were Clinton, Goldsboro, Lumberton, New Bern, Morehead City, Wilmington, and Wilson. Eight districts had increases over last year. These were Williamston – 76%, Wilson – 32.9%, Wilmington – 23.7%, Raleigh – 23.3%, Greenville – 16.2%, Morehead City – 15.7%, Clinton – 13.2%, and Rocky Mount 2.7%.

WELL DONE - - N. C. Conference.

The General Church surpassed its goal of $1,350,000.00. The total was $1,361,000.00. Praise the Lord!

FAITH COMMITMENT SUNDAY

March 5

Sunday, March 5th, is the Faith Commitment Day for Missions in the N.C. Conference. This Sunday is recommended, but if it is not convenient, any Sunday is acceptable. Nearly half of the Conference churches take faith commitments on this day. Many others choose an alternate day.

Faith Commitment is the pillar of the missionary support system. The conference goal is for every pastor and local missions director to make a faith commitment and to lead their church to making a faith commitment as well. Romans 10:15 "And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' " (NIV)

FAITH COMMITMENT DAY

1. The purpose of Faith Commitment Day is to secure financial and prayer support for the missionaries.

2. Proper promotion should be carried out prior to Faith Commitment Day. You should emphasize the need for financial support for missionaries ...
   - From the pulpit
   - In the church bulletin
   - In other ways as desired

3. Obtain Faith Commitment cards and brochures from the conference missions director's office to distribute on Faith Commitment Day.

4. Pastor and local missions director, or representative, should attend the *Missions Meals* with ministers meeting in the conference to receive more information.

5. Plan a mission service on Faith Commitment Day
   - Invite a missionary
   - Preach a missions sermon
   - Use missions music

6. Distribute Faith Commitment cards to the people during the service.
   - Explain the concept of a Faith Commitment
   - Have a special missions prayer
   - Have the people fill out the cards listing prayer and the amount of monthly financial support for the missionary
   - Receive the Faith Commitment cards later in the service
   - Urge those who did not make a Faith Commitment to pray about it and turn in the card in the evening service
   - Announce the total committed to missionary support in this service, or in the evening service

7. Select a particular Sunday in the month and regularly receive the offering for missionary support on that day.

ITINERATING MISSIONARIES
2000

January–December . . . . . Christie Baker
January–Fall . . . . . Mike and Jennifer Oliver
January–May . . . . . Ron Wooten
March . . . . . Roger and Mary Gorman
Fall . . . . . Linwood and Nancy Berry
October . . . . . Steve and Betsy Cofer
In and out . . . . . Rose Boyd
Dates Uncertain . . . . . Rick Brewster
April, May, June . . . . . Tim and Gail Bowen
Summer . . . . . Phillip and Gaila List
January, February, April, May . . . . . Ron Roy

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Rev. Harold Turpin . . . . . February 1
Rev. W. H. Lewis . . . . . February 7
Rev. J. Paul Jones . . . . . February 8
Rev. Hildred Potter . . . . . February 8
Rev. Luetta Morris . . . . . February 10
Rev. Clayton Guthrie . . . . . February 15
Rev. Tim Henry . . . . . February 26

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Greetings!

This is the month in which **Valentine's Day** falls, so most of us will naturally spend some time thinking about love.

Jesus thought—spoke—a lot about love, too, but He redefined the concept. Everyone knows we should love our family and our friends, and reciprocate the love of those who love us.

But listen to what Jesus said: "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." (Luke 6:27–28) This was a revolutionary concept in His day, to those to whom He spoke.

It is ***still*** thought revolutionary to love those that harm us. For many, today's world is dog-eat-dog, look-out-for-yourself, and get-all-that's-coming-to-you. And, all too often, "do unto others before they get a chance to do unto you."

The standard of this world is to be stingy with love, doling it out sparingly to those who are thought worthy or deserving. To me, the wonder of grace is that it is so extravagant! God chooses to lavish His love on all of us, whether or not we are worthy, whether or not we are deserving.

We are expected to love as God loves. Therefore, let us set a new standard that is not really new at all. Let us determine to live like Jesus taught us to live: a life dedicated to loving all people, everyone, no matter who they are, what they look like, or how they treat us.

I can't control the actions of others, but I can choose how I act. ***Real*** love for others is a choice, and one that we all must make if we are to live in a manner that is pleasing to the Master.

REMINDERS:

1. Honor Workers Week.

March 5–11, 2000, is "Honor CEM Workers Week." Please make plans in your church to honor those who labor so unselfishly, asking so little in return. Certificates are available from the Conference CEM office.

2. Karl Bunkley Teacher of the Year Award.

It is time to begin asking, "Who was our most outstanding Sunday school teacher last year?" Before long, we will be asking you to select ***your*** teacher of the year, then nominate him/her for the Conference award. All Conference honorees are then nominated for National Teacher of the Year. Last year, Don McLean from Maranatha PH Church (Beaufort) was our Conference winner. This year, it could be from your church. Nomination forms will be mailed.

3. Easter Offering.

April 23, 2000, is Easter Sunday. Each year the General CEM Department asks the churches to send in their Easter Sunday school offering. These funds are used in a variety of ways for worthy projects and needs at the national level. Please, become a participating church. If you don't receive an offering during Sunday school, please send a donation (in any amount). This is the only general, church-wide appeal allowed the National CEM Department each year.

4. National Youth Emphasis Week.

April 24–30, 2000, is Youth Emphasis Week. Plan creative and exciting ways to involve your youth in ministry this week. Go beyond the obvious, and give your youth something to "sink their teeth into." Conference Youth Pastor Charles Boyd will be glad to help you come up with things that will change the lives of your young people.

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CEM Department
North Carolina Conference
April 28–30, 2000

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Church _____ Conference _____

Pastor _____ District _____

Position: (Check one)
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- ❑ **Outpost Councilman**
- ❑ **Other**
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- ❑ **Pastor or Minister**
- ❑ **Lt. Commander**

Level most involved with: ❑ Straight Arrow ❑ Buckaroo ❑ Equal Involvement

Do you have medical problems or dietary restrictions that we should know about? ❑ YES ❑ NO
(If the answer is "YES" please give details on back.)

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Session 2 (Fri. P.M.) Session 4 (Sat. P.M.)

Because of the increasing costs of LTC, a $50.00 registration fee must accompany this application. This includes all books and meals and will be applied toward the total fee of $105.00. If application and $50.00 is postmarked by April 7, 2000, the registration fee will be $95.00. Fee for walk-ons (those who have not preregistered and sent the application fee) will be $115.00. Cancellation policy: Your $50.00 registration fee will be refunded minus a $10.00 clerical fee if you notify the CEM Department on or before April 7, 2000. Registration after that date is non-refundable. Checks should be earmarked "LTC" and mailed with application to:

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"Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble,
And He brings them out of their distresses.
He calms the storm,
So that its waves are still.
Then they are glad because they are quiet;
So He guides them to their desired haven."

Psalm 107:28-30, NKJV

T. Elwood Long

GOSPEL TABERNACLE HONORS PASTOR UPON RETIRING

The congregation of Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn gathered to honor its long-time pastor on Sunday evening, January 23, 2000. Pastor White retired from the pastorate. During what was called a "presentation ceremony," various church, political and community leaders thanked Pastor White for his service.

Among those was state Senator Oscar Harris, who, on behalf of Gov. Jim Hunt, presented Pastor White the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest honor. Citing biblical admonitions to pray for government leaders, Sen Harris said, "I have felt his (Pastor White's) prayers on behalf of leadership. I have been blessed with my own great pastor, yet I still seek King's views and guidance." Sen. Harris said Pastor White helped him establish the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast while Mr. Harris served as mayor of Dunn.

In response to all those who praised him during the service, Pastor White said, "It has been my goal...to just love people and minister to their needs."

"I want my own family to remember me only as one who loved the Lord and showed them the light." Regarding the Gospel Tabernacle's future, he said, "I certainly believe the best ministry of this church is yet to be." Janice White, the pastor's wife, commented, "I appreciate all your love and friendship. Thank you for everything."

The Rev. Chris Thompson, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Conference, said of Pastor White, "he is a servant leader...He's a man in touch with God. He knows how to follow God and encourages others to do the same." Rev. Thompson also gave greetings from T.E. Long, superintendent of the North Carolina Conference, who was not able to attend.

The Rev. Gabriel Tew, the church's associate pastor, read a letter of congratulations from the Bishop Rev. James Leggett, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Mr. Archie Wood, a deacon of the church and one of its most active lay leaders, expressed appreciation to Pastor White on behalf of the church board. He presented Pastor and Mrs. White a framed painting by Christian artist Thomas Kinkade as well as a monetary gift from the church.

Pastor White

The Tabernacle's pastor-elect, Rev. Ron Wooten, who assumed his new role Feb. 1, also spoke. Rev. Ron Wooten earlier served as the Tabernacle's minister of music before he was called to the mission field in Kenya. He said it was difficult leaving Pastor and Mrs. White. "He was a mentor before I had even heard of a mentor. I do hope God will help me be half the pastor Pastor White was."

The Rev. Rose Boyd, the Gospel Tabernacle's former minister of Christian Education who currently serves in church missions, told the congregation, "many of you were saved under the ministry of Brother White." During funerals, the Rev. Boyd said, "there's just no comfort like the Holy Spirit that flows through this man." "I've never seen him condemn anybody," she said. "I've never heard him run down anybody else."

Mr. John Wellons, a lay leader in the church and one of the area's most influential business leaders, said of Pastor White, "He can speak and challenge you to become a better Christian." Dunn Mayor Abraham Oudeh also spoke, saying, "I believe in my heart every one of us were sent to Earth for a purpose and that Pastor White has served his church and community greatly." Mr. Hoover Adams, founder of *The Daily Record* and chairman of the Gen. William C. Lee Memorial Commission, thanked Pastor White for his community leadership. "The community never calls on him when he doesn't say yes." He said Pastor White has headed the Evening in the Park celebration during the Gen. Lee Weekend each of the 14 years it has been held. He also told the congregation, "You are going to let him retire, but we aren't." He said the Gen. Lee Commission is going to keep him working.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Rev. Fred Jones ..... March 26
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown ..... March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart ..... March 29

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One of the ministries started during Pastor White's tenure is the church's Hispanic ministry. The Rev. Fernando Angulo, pastor of the Tabernacle's Hispanic congregation, thanked Pastor White for "being a friend, neighbor and my pastor. He's been our shepherd and his leadership is recognized all over town."

The Rev. Eddie White, former associate pastor of the Tabernacle and a son of Pastor White, spoke of his father's role in his family. He said all his father's siblings would testify to his role in each of them being saved. On behalf of the family, "I want to say thank you for your love and support (for Pastor and Mrs. White)," he said.

At the close of the service, Mr. Ronnie B. Warren led the other deacons and the congregation in a prayer for Pastor White, asking for God's continued blessings as he continues to minister after his retirement.

CELEBRATING 46 YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

I first knew this man in 1962 when I began dating his son Don. It was understood then and is still understood that God comes first in Mr. Lewis' life. His love of family was understood then and has been especially demonstrated in the last seven years by his being the total caregiver of his lifelong mate, Delphia Renfrow Lewis. He chooses to look after her totally and he has done it very well!! Ms. Delphia, as her friends know her, has been bedridden as the result of a stroke for seven years. He leaves her on Sunday just long enough to go to Sunday school at Moores Chapel Church, on Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, where he has achieved his 46 years!

William M. Lewis

Born in 1916, William Marvin Lewis has two sons, Donald Lee and Bobby Ray. Don's family attends The Capital Church in Raleigh and Bobby's family attends Hayes Barton in Raleigh. They have a total of five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. These grandchildren and great-grandchildren are, of course, the joy of his life!

Many congratulations go out to Mr. Lewis and we appreciate the love of the Lord being passed down to the generations!

– Article submitted by Betty Lewis

REVEREND J. M. LEMMON

Some of you may not be aware of the passing of Rev. J. M. Lemmon, at the age of 93. The funeral was held on January 15 in Carmen, Oklahoma. Flowers were sent to the funeral from the GBA. Yesterday I received a thank you note to the GBA. It reads:

"The bouquet of purple larkspur, roses, confetti, lavender mums was beautiful. Your thoughtfulness is so greatly appreciated. He loved his church so much. Thank you so greatly, The Lemmon Family."

Brother Lemmon contributed greatly to the ministry of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He served as pastor, conference superintendent (Great Plains), chairman of the Southwestern Bible College Board of Education, and administrator of Carmen Home. He was a member of the GBA for 50 years.

David Lemmon, his son, continues to serve as administrator of Carmen Home. We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of J. M. Lemmon.

– Bishop James D. Leggett

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES

Rev. Thad M. White is available for special services, revivals and filling in for pastors who are away on Sundays. Rev. White joined the N.C. Conference in 1952 and retired from the pastorate on January 2, 2000. Brother White maybe contacted at P.O. Box 952, Dunn, N.C. or tele. 910-892-2840.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN — *From Director Ronnie Baysden*

"Pastor's Prayer Partners"

A sometimes-overlooked outreach of Men's Ministries is providing effective prayer partners for pastors. Because the pastor is the leader of the church body, the mouthpiece of God to his people, it is essential that the **MEN** support him with sincere prayer. Prayer is the power tool that connects him to God and the unlimited resources of heaven. Imagine how much greater the anointing would be on our pastors, our church body, and our conference if just a few **MEN** would gather and pray with their pastor before he delivers the Sunday morning message.

Remember the Bible states "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." **Men, surround YOUR pastor with prayer.** Organize a Pastor's Prayer Partner team in your church today. He will be blessed, you will be blessed, and **God will receive the glory!**

Calendar Update

- **April 22 . . . . . .Resurrection Breakfast**
- **June 11 . . . . . .Laymen's Sunday**
- **July . . . . . .Men of Action Month**
- **September 15–16 . . . . . .North Carolina Men's Advance**
- **October . . . . . .Pastor Appreciation Month**
- **October . . . . . .TeamShare Emphasis Month**
- **October 12–14 . . . . . .National Conference on Ministry to Men, College Park, GA**
- **October 15–21 . . . . . .Lay Witness Week**
- **December . . . . . .Disaster Recovery Team Emphasis**

Resurrection Breakfast, April 22, 2000 – It's that time again! You need to sponsor a breakfast or call our office to find the location of one in your local area that you can join. The idea is that a Christian man bring an unsaved friend and buy his breakfast. A special speaker shares a life-changing testimony and many are saved. For $10, we'll send you a complete planning packet. ***Bottom line – "Come for the meal — leave with the Master!"*** Call us for more information (910) 323-4777.

Pastor Appreciation Day – In October plan to bless your pastor and his/her family by recognizing them on a special day. We have a planning packet that has been re-written for 2000. The theme for this year is "Side By Side With the Pastor." It has a planning guide, poster, gift list, and sample forms. (910) 323-4777.

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone."

LINES FROM LINDA...

"Who will fill my shoes when I'm gone?" Recently I have given much thought to this. It is imperative that we prepare people to carry on God's work. Though we tend to take life for granted, it is really very fragile. The truth of the matter is that each of us is only one breath away from eternity. When we face the sudden passing of a family member, friend or acquaintance, this fact is brought home to us. Our body is not designed to stay here forever, but only for a season. During that season, God has a plan and purpose for each of us to fulfill.

It is interesting to me how God puts those people in our paths who help us to develop into what we ultimately become. One such person in my life is Aunt Sallie Morris. She is not really my aunt, but I have always felt that she is and addressed her as such. As a young child, she was my Sunday school teacher. I remember how she drilled us in the scripture verses and rewarded us as we memorized them. We needed furniture for the children's class... so she built it. That table and little stools, with cushioned tops (long before the days of cushioned pews), was used in that classroom for many years. It was Aunt Sallie who played the piano for church services. She was instrumental in starting Women's Ministries and Vacation Bible School. She was also the PHYS (Pentecostal Holiness Youth Society) director in our church. She wrote plays and skits, made costumes and scenery, and directed Sunday night youth productions on many occasions (not to mention the annual Christmas program).

Two of her best programs that I still remember well were *The Burial of Mrs. Gossip* and *The Three Hebrew Boys*. At the close of Mrs. Gossip's funeral (wooden casket and all), everyone was invited up front to view the corpse. When I looked into the casket, what a surprise! There was a huge mirror showing my own reflection. What a lesson to a young person! I have thought about that many times when I have been tempted to wag my tongue in the wrong direction. For *The Three Hebrew Boys*, she had a mock furnace with real flames. How emphatic it was for us to view the three young men coming out of those flames unharmed.

Not only was she creative in church work; she was also a great cook and homemaker. Yes, Aunt Sallie was my hero. But little did I realize that, in due time, I would have her mantle fall on me. As I grew up, she took me under her wing, nurtured me and coached me. She offered me opportunities to sharpen my skills and helped me through my blunders. Eventually it was I who was playing the piano and leading the youth work. Not only was she willing to train and help develop my gifts, but she was also willing to release me to do the work without trying to hold me in her control. She is 93 years old today and is still a spiritual warrior. She still attends almost every function of the church and is my chief cheerleader. I know I can never fill her shoes; but she has afforded me opportunities that have helped to make me who I am today. I will forever be grateful to her.

I realize, however, that I am getting on in years now, too. There are younger women who need the same nurture and guidance that I did. There are younger women who need to be offered the opportunities to develop their potential in the Lord's work. God always has someone waiting in the wings. At Holly Hill, I have seen a young woman emerge whom I believe God will use to help fill my shoes. Susan Bowers French grew up in the church. I have been blessed to play an active role in her spiritual development through the years. And now it is time for us to release her to her own ministry. And the beauty of it is, that there is still a place for Aunt Sallie and a place for me.

That is what the **Mary-Elizabeth Mentor Ministry** of Women's Ministries is all about. We need those intergenerational experiences. As older women, we have much to offer in the way of experience; but we must realize that times and methods change. We must nurture and train our younger women and then release them to minister in their own ways. We must be there to bless and encourage them. After all, I want somebody prepared to fill my shoes!! Don't you?

Susan French, Linda Thomas and Sallie Morris practice the Mary-Elizabeth concept at Holly Hill PH Church.

GRACE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The annual NCWM Leadership Seminar was held on February 5, after having to be postponed one week due to the snow. Over two hundred Women's Ministries leaders from various locations in the conference participated in the training.

The program began with Mrs. Debs Nall and Rev. & Mrs. James Gray leading in a season of Praise and Worship. Rev. Teresa Smith, who serves as Greenville District WM Director, gave a timely devotion on the need for spiritual development in leaders.

A skit titled *Our Best for the Master* was presented by the NCWM board members and members of the Grace Family Fellowship WM. The skit depicted a group of ladies attending a Women's Ministries meeting. The scenario switched back and forth from a well-prepared and efficient leader running an effective meeting to an unprepared and untrained leader trying to run a meeting. The message was loud and clear that quality leadership is the key to the success of the ministry of the local WM.

The feature of the training was Mr. Reece Gardner, certified Dale Carnegie trainer. Mr. Gardner led two sessions on *Attitudes and Principles of Good Leadership*. The training was interactive with audience participation. One portion of his training which the ladies particularly enjoyed was on relationships. He gave the following *Nine Keys to Strengthening Relationships:*

1. Don't criticize, condemn or complain.
2. Give honest, sincere appreciation.
3. Arouse in the other person an eager want.
4. Become genuinely interested in other people.
5. Smile.
6. Remember that a person's name is, to that person, the sweetest and most important sound in any language.
7. Be a good listener. Encourage others to talk about themselves.
8. Talk in terms of other people's interests.
9. Make the other person feel important and do it sincerely.

Mr. Gardner began his presentation by singing *In the Garden*, and he closed with a reminder that God's people are to be a joyous people. He said, "Only living beings can laugh. The trees can't; the beasts can't; it is a gift God gives only to humankind! Cultivate a heart of laughter. Learn to laugh with others and learn to laugh at yourself. It is the secret to a long and happy life!"

The Grace Family Fellowship WM served delicious refreshments during break as the women enjoyed a time of fellowship.

GOD'S BIG HEART IS LOVE

I am reflecting on God's grace that has brought us to where we are today. The psalmist exhorted the Israelites to *"remember"* all the ways the Lord had led them and to praise Him for all his benefits. In Psalm 116:1 & 2, we read this powerful statement: *"I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live."* We, too, join our voices with that of the psalmist and say from our heart of hearts, "I love you Lord." He has also heard our cries and inclined His ear to our calls. Our love for the Lord is a reaction to His love for us. I John 4:19 says, *"We love him because he first loved us."* John 3:16 takes us to the very foundation of God's sacrificial love. *"God SO loved."* The magnitude, scope, the very nature and character of God's love is revealed. His unselfish love was that He gave. His gift: *His only begotten Son.*

Over the past months I have seen God's love at work through our Women's Ministries. It has been a privilege to visit a few of our W.M. groups. On two occasions, it was during a time of fellowship of Sharing Sisters. What a tremendous blessing!

Stedman and Baywood Women's Ministries groups enjoy Sharing Sister dinner.

Stedman WM hosted Baywood, and the ladies outdid themselves with tables full of delicious foods fit for a queen. Baywood WM members shared about their Ministry Groups. Their Spiritual Enrichment group provides devotional programs for monthly meetings and forms a prayer chain to inform members of prayer needs. The Home Missions group provides meals for the sick and sunshine baskets for shut-ins. The Hospitality group oversees special activities within the church such as guest speakers, decorating, flowers, etc. Other groups are Children's Home, Education/Church Schools, and Foreign Missions. Baywood has two WM meetings each month to accommodate the women. One is during the daytime, and the other is at night. They encourage each woman to become active in a ministry group.

The other occasion for a visit was at Mount Carmel as they hosted the Hope Mills W.M. I had the joy of sharing God's Word. Again, there was precious fellowship and lots of good food. Mount Carmel WM Director Dollie Davenport, in her usual warm way, made everyone feel special. She gave out gifts and then invited the senior ladies to join her in singing the Happy Hearts song. This was a very special time of sharing and praying with sisters in Christ.

Mount Carmel WM Director Dollie Davenport and senior ladies sing the Happy Hearts Song as part of their Sharing Sister celebration with Hope Mills.

Fayetteville District WM Director Patsy Payne enjoyed getting this photo of the Sanford First WM ladies at a recent meeting when she visited them.

Shiloh WM Director Ethel Ammons shares a good report of how God is blessing their church. Sanford First Church WM shares a special way of gathering goods for Falcon Children's Home. They ask each church family to take an empty box home and bring it back filled. This method has greatly increased their giving to Harvest Train.

Eastside WM women helped sponsor their church youth as they participated in the local Christmas parade.

Eastside WM ladies continue to faithfully do a beautiful job all through the year, giving themselves in so many ways. However, Christmas time was special for them as they worked to assist in the Christmas program, teaching children their parts and costuming them appropriately. They also participated in the local Christmas parade.

Truly God is reshaping lives for ministry. The focus during 2000 is Mobilized for Mission. Webster says that mobilize means: *(1) to put into motion, circulation, or use; (2) to bring into readiness for immediate active service in war.* I believe this theme has been birthed in the hearts of our women to spiritually awaken us and motivate us to press forward in Jesus' name.

You matter to Him! Love in Christ!

– Submitted by Patsy Payne
Fayetteville District WM Director

LOOKING AHEAD

- Director's Council Meeting (for local WM Directors, District Directors and Conference WM Leadership only) will be held Saturday, May 5, at Ryan's in Goldsboro.
- NCWM Convention will be held on Saturday, June 10, in Falcon at Culbreth Auditorium. The theme is "Working Together" with a focus on Minister's Wives Fellowship.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL GROUPS

Christianity Today calls it, "The Small Group Takeover." Princeton sociologist Robert Wuthnow describes it as "quiet revolution" happening across North America. Experts on church renewal usually link some form of small group vitality to the revivals and breakthrough churches they study.

This return to New Testament community has shown up with many different faces. It doesn't matter what one calls "social kinship units" as Peter Wagner describes them, but it does matter whether your church is experiencing their many benefits. God is at work using the small groups today. A church can experience positive transformation as one another's ministry ripples through the body of Christ.

All churches have small groups whether they know it or not. People relate and develop relationships with people like themselves. Small groups exist though they might not be organized or focused. People link their lives with believers or they will not stay within the church.

Small group ministry is tremendously important. People must and need to develop relationships within the body. Small groups allow and encourage this to happen. People are also allowed to discover their spiritual gifts and know they can use their God-given talents to minister within the body and through the church to touch the world.

Small group ministry is an option if people are to be cared for, nurtured, and equipped for ministry. There are several immediate benefits to be seen in small group ministry.

- *Helps the church to be* – a community of committed, caring Christians learning how to love each other so the world will recognize Christ as the Messiah.

- *Helps people discover and use their ministry gifts.* People who sit passively in the worship service have the opportunity to discover and use their ministry gifts in a small group context. Then the group often encourages members to use their gifts in a larger context.

- *Equips leadership for the congregation.* In a relatively safe environment, the small group setting is a natural center for leadership development for the whole congregation.

- *Makes faith personal.* In a small group nominal Christians are drawn by the Spirit to come alive in faith.

- *Provides the ideal setting for members to learn to trust and minister to each other.* Members are more likely to witness outside the group if they have expressed their faith inside the group.

- *Is the best way to assimilate new members.* Small groups can be wonderful ministry groups. I even encourage our committees to function as caring communities while they do their tasks. (Roberta Hestenes – *Building Christian Community Through Small Groups)*

Churches of the N.C. Conference need to make small group ministry a more intentional vehicle for ministry. In order to aid the process, Rev. David Wheeler, Conference Christian Education Director, and I will be conducting a series of Sunday School and Small Group Workshops. David will focus on Sunday school as an excellent opportunity for small group ministry. I will speak on the importance of small groups in general.

Each workshop will be two hours in length, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A question and answer time will follow with refreshments. Two hours of CEU credits may be earned by ministers. Workshops will be held in each district. Ministers, C.E. workers, church leadership, teachers, and others may attend the meetings. District cross-overs are certainly welcome. There is no registration fee.

March 20	Goldsboro District	Mount Olive Church
21	Morehead City District	Smyrna Church
23	Clinton District	Tyndall Grove
30	Williamston District	Bethany Church
April 17	Fayetteville District	Hope Mills Church
18	New Bern District	New Bern First Church
27	Wilmington District	Wilmington First Church
May 8	Raleigh District	The Capital Church
9	Greenville District	Greenville First Church
15	Wilson District	Moores Chapel Church
16	Rocky Mount District	Vaughan's Chapel Church
18	Lumberton District	Lumberton First Church

WORLD MISSIONS 1999 RECORDS

	1998	1999	
Global Outeach	$ 200,718.90	$ 220,924.54	10%
People to People	132,447.68	*265,587.84	101%
Missions	1,028,756.05	1,226,142.20	19%
Evangelism USA	60,183.09	61,344.03	2%
GRAND TOTAL	$1,088,939.14	$1,287,486.24	18%

	1999	2000
Global Outreach	$210,000.00 ✓	$235,000.00
People to People	140,000.00 ✓	*170,000.00
Missions	1,100,000.00 ✓	1,225,000.00
Evangelism USA	75,000.00	75,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	$1,175,000.00 ✓	$1,300,000.00

*Special Note: The People to People goal for 2000 is less than the amount received for 1999. The reason is due to the Disaster Relief Funds of $97,000.00-plus in 1999, received for the Oklahoma tornadoes and N.C. flood. We certainly do not want a repeat of these disasters in 2000.

Praise the Lord for one fantastic year!!!

FAITH COMMITMENT – A VEHICLE FOR REACHING OUR WORLD

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church presently has 161 missionaries in 87 different countries. Last year (1999) some 39 new missionaries were approved. One goal of World Missions Ministries is to have missionary presence in 100 countries before year's end. What is the vehicle and method to get missionaries in these countries? The answer is Faith Commitment giving.

March 5th is Faith Commitment Sunday and March is Faith Commitment month. Several missionaries are available in the Conference to take faith commitments at churches. They are Christie Baker, Roger and Mary Gorman, Mike and Jennifer Oliver, and Joe and Elsie Arthur.

Several scriptures speak of faith commitment giving. These are not printed for space's sake. These are Genesis 22:8, Luke 8:1–3, II Corinthians 8:3–5, and II Corinthians 9:7–8.

The first faith commitment offering in modern times was probably organized by a Presbyterian minister. A.B. Simpson founded the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination for world evangelization, and existed primarily to promote and support foreign missions.

To do so, Simpson had a missionary convention every year. Members were urged to designate a large percentage of their total giving to missions. The Alliance churches still do this. The offering is a commitment of what the people will trust God to enable them to do in the next twelve months. The Christian and Missionary churches have led the way in faith commitment.

Faith Commitment is an amount of money that you trust God to provide (usually monthly) through you for world missions. It is a step of faith that God will provide. It is a commitment between an individual and a missionary. Here individuals are identifying with the step of faith taken by the missionaries. It is a partnership with God to do His work.

Faith Commitment is not the tithe nor a church pledge that one owes the church budget. It is not a foolish commitment but rather a commitment based on communication with God. The commitment is not "look what I have done," but "behold what God has done!"

Benefits of signing a faith commitment card are several. The forms give the missions committee a basis for budget planning. People take a signed commitment seriously. A signature verifies a validity of a commitment, so the local missions committee does not count on a large amount from an unidentified source.

The primary means of raising missionary support and overall best way is the faith commitment plan. There are several reasons for this:

1) It is biblical. It is a plan based on obedience and faith — obedience to the Great Commission.

2) Missionaries represent the Body of Christ. It is the body that recognizes and affirms that a particular member is called to missions. Every Christian is part of the Body, but no one is the whole Body. Christians need each other.

3) Faith commitment giving is personal. People give to people.

4) Accountability is involved. Both the missionary and the donor are accountable. The missionary must carry his/her part of the load.

5) The outreach team grows. More individuals are won to Christ. As the Lord calls and supplies the need, the missionary staff grows.

6) The faith commitment process gives proof to the missionary call. It is the church that ultimately sends the missionary. Individual members respond as they sense the call of the missionary.

Faith commitment giving works! It is God's vehicle for sending forth missionaries.

CELEBRATE

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

FOUNDER'S DAY

Sunday, March 12th

Theme

You Go, Girl!

Mobilized for Mission

SEND YOUR FOUNDER'S DAY OFFERING TO NCWM

It will be forwarded to General Women's Ministries.

"The offerings received on WM Founder's Day will enable General Women's Ministries to GO around the world with the message of salvation, harvesting souls as a love gift to Jesus."

..... Mary Belle Johnson

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis

• ***Unriddling Our Times: Reflections on the Gathering Cultural Crisis.*** **Editor Os Guinness. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House Company, 1999. 141 pages. $8.99**

Some of these snow days have made for some valuable time to read for anyone who enjoys this labor of love. Guinness, born in China and educated in England, is a graduate of Oxford University. He is currently senior Fellow of The Trinity Forum, a "leadership academy without walls" that engages the leading ideas of our day in the context of faith. Selected writings from Reinhold Schneider, David Aikman, Shirley Jackson and Kay Haugaard were included in this most interesting and readable book designed to awaken the human conscience concerning our times. It is indeed a book you will not want to put down until you have absorbed every last concept and word from its pages.

Perhaps the greatest crisis Guinness seeks to emphasize the most is the crisis of truth. Life at the expense of truth is troubling and unpredictable to say the least. Truth that is essential as a basis for freedom and fulfillment can shake empires, but falsehood can lull a people such as the former Soviet Union into a destructive complacency. Are we in fact committing spiritual and moral suicide just as the Nazis and other nations and empires have done in the past? Is our modern condition as such that we are unable to detect all the lies and falsehood?

Men like Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and Winston Churchill are needed to expose the errors of our post-modern era. True prophets need to speak up concerning the manipulative practices that are having a deafening effect upon our culture. The pressure is on that would push us into accepting wrong as right and right as wrong. Christians have an obligation to Christ and the world to tell the truth. Guinness correctly stated, "If truth is dead and knowledge is power, then we are all vulnerable internally to passions and externally to manipulation." Like the proverbial frog in the kettle, it is possible to be manipulated into certain patterns of thought processes that are only remotely related to the reality and truth.

I highly recommend this book for laymen and ministers alike. It helped me tremendously in understanding our times and as to just how serious and critical the hour is in which we live. Indeed, the Christian faith remains the only living spiritual force capable of understanding and explaining pertinent current events as we approach the next advent of Christ's return. Perhaps the greatest riddle of all is why more Christians aren't shaken and disturbed by all that is happening in our world today. I have remained stirred in my heart and spirit to this day as a result of reading this publication.

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION LEADERSHIP CLINICS
May 5–10, 2000 at Northwood Temple
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Telephone: 910-488-7474

Classes begin with registration at noon, Friday, May 5, and end on Wednesday, May 10. Clinic is sponsored by Dr. James D. Kennedy, EE International, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 23307, who also provides Clinic teacher.

For more information, call Northwood Temple office, 910-488-7474.

Clinic Schedule

Friday
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1:00 p.m . . . . . .Lectures
4:30 p.m. . . . .Dismissal to homes

Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m . . . .Lectures

Sunday (times vary at each clinic base)
9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Worship and Lectures
Evening Worship

Monday – Wednesday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m . . . . . .Lectures
6:30 p.m. – 7:30p.m . . . . . .Dinner
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. . . . . .On the Job Training and Report sessions

Fees & Cancellation Policy: Clinic fees are $350 per person. If wife of a pastor comes, it is $175 (if she comes with her husband, that is). Three or more from one church, cost is $300 each.

The $100 registration deposit is non-refundable. Monies may be transferred to another clinic or to another qualified person from your church if done within one year from date of receipt.

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report — October, November, December 1999

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Attd
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1778	0	707	0	700	550
GLAD TIDINGS	313	0	320	0	324	314
KINSTON FIRST	667	0	265	0	321	246
MT. OLIVE LD	309	0	201	0	0	0
CLINTON	372	0	192	0	213	193
MT. CARMEL	380	0	173	0	219	130
THE FIRST	360	0	169	0	150	181
WILSON FIRST	180	0	166	0	80	65
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	437	30	156	24	416	355
WHITLEY	269	0	153	0	161	211
ST. PAULS	196	10	150	10	167	121
STEDMAN	280	0	147	0	205	116
TARBORO FIRST	214	0	137	0	185	123
TARBORO LAROCA	135	0	135	0		
CHADBOURN	220	0	130	0	174	85
SMYRNA	106	0	127	0	101	81
SHILOH	291	18	126	21	189	88
HARVEST TEMPLE	191	45	121	23	136	85
THE CAPITAL	350	0	120	0	170	165
BRENTWOOD	140	0	118	0	160	152
GREENVILLE FIRST	240	0	118	0	80	98
PENIEL	262	0	114	0	210	72
BIZZELL GROVE	165	40	108	31	80	48
GRACE FAMILY FELL.	212	0	107	0	194	109
BENSON	167	48	106	21	140	101
WILLIAMSTON	166	8	104	7	109	86
HARKERS ISLAND	133	0	102	0	67	50
LUMBERTON	155	20	98	10	140	78
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	164	0	98	0	108	88
ST. PAUL	165	0	93	0	100	97
BELFAST	136	0	90	0	76	41
ST. JOHN	133	0	87	0	35	55
MT. OLIVE (GD)	105	0	87	0	0	0
BETHANY	155	5	86	25	109	34
PIKES CROSSROADS	187	25	84	51	145	56
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	0	0	81	22	0	40
WILMINGTON	142	0	79	0	142	58
REHOBOTH	139	0	78	0	0	0
HARVEST FELLOWSHIP	101	0	76	0	70	78
ROPER	116	0	75	0	107	64
FAITH GD	45	0	75	0	60	60
WALLACE	229	0	71	0	68	50
BAYWOOD	135	0	71	0	76	30
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120	0	70	0	86	58
NAKINA	89	0	69	0	40	29
FAITH WD	106	73	69	61	40	46
WESTVIEW	118	0	68	0	102	51
ROANOKE RAPIDS	256	30	68	33	40	35
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	71	0	67	0	30	27
MILLENNIUM	135	40	66	40	88	35
SHARON	105	0	65	0	45	38
TYNDALL GROVE	75	0	65	0	30	18
HOPE MILLS	79	0	63	0		
BOARDMAN	210	0	63	0	201	31
STANTONSBURG	114	0	62	0	50	50
SANFORD FIRST	94	0	62	0	49	43
GETHSEMANE	256	0	59	0	178	45
BROCKS CHAPEL	170	0	58	0	91	62
MOORES CHAPEL	100	0	58	0	71	31
HOBGOOD	87	0	57	0	0	0
EMMANUEL	75	0	57	0	60	44
MARANATHA	102	0	54	0	75	82
BRIDGETON	74	0	54	0	0	0
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104	0	53	0	59	34
THOMAS CHAPEL	80	0	53	0	57	25
THUNDER SWAMP	89	0	52	0	0	0
REELSBORO	106	52	52	31	48	31
HIGHER GROUND	124	0	50	0	58	38
SNOW HILL	69	0	50	0	0	0
MANLEYS GROVE	103	0	49	0	0	0
BLACK CREEK	74	0	49	0	0	0
ST. MATTHEW	72	0	48	0	35	31
HOLLY HILL	98	0	48	0	63	25
TRENTON	157	0	47	0	26	
HAMILTON	75	0	47	0	0	0
KENLY	112	0	47	0	0	0
FAMILY LIFE TABERNACLE	66	0	47	0	42	49
TAYLORS CHAPEL	100	0	46	0	0	0
SPRING HOPE	50	0	45	0	50	37
NEW BERN FIRST	84	0	45	0	25	69

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Attd
SHILOH	85	0	45	0		
WARSAW	83	0	44	0	0	0
NIAGARA	173	0	44	0	33	17
HODGES CHAPEL	87	0	44	0	0	0
BETHEL	58	0	44	0		
ABERDEEN	78	0	43	0	63	22
ELIZABETHTOWN	50	10	42	14	20	13
WESTMORELAND	165	0	42	0	112	51
JONES GROVE	47	0	41	0	0	0
VANCEBORO	51	0	41	0	7	4
JACKSONVILLE	61	0	40	0	10	8
GRACE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HISPANIC	40	0	40	0		
IGLESIA HISPANA SANTIDAD	45	0	40	0		
SPRING OF LIVING WATER	48	0	39	0	32	32
EASTSIDE	202	0	38	0		
LIVING WATERS	43	0	37	0	52	31
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	72	0	37	0	0	0
EBENEZER	48	0	36	0	39	24
MIDWAY	103	0	35	0	78	32
GOSHEN	85	0	35	0	36	27
IGLESIA	49	0	35	0		
GARLAND	65	0	34	0	0	0
WELDON	48	13	34	13	0	0
THE GENESIS	115	35	34	29	51	24
WINTERVILLE	57	0	34	0	31	0
CORNERSTONE	44	18	33	6	21	17
AYDEN	60	0	33	0	0	0
SIMS	54	0	33	0	0	0
INDEPENDENCE	53	0	32	0	0	0
FRIENDSHIP WD	102	0	32	0	58	27
ALERT	68	0	32	0	35	26
SNEADS FERRY	100	0	31	0	30	15
SCOTLAND NECK	53	0	31	0	30	34
SELMA	40	0	31	0	0	0
ABBOTTSBURG	42	0	30	0	17	23
TRINITY CD	19	0	29	0		
HERITAGE	57	0	28	0	46	37
CLAYTON	33	0	28	0	0	0
LOWLAND	34	0	28	0		0
WADES POINT	56	0	28	0	0	0
CEDAR POINT	40	0	26	0	15	9
WEST ROAD	31	0	26	0		
CARSON MEMORIAL	80	0	26	0	65	19
ALBRITTON	68	17	26	25	38	15
SONLIGHT	38	15	25	15	28	26
GRACE COMMUNITY	42	0	25	0	31	17
TRINITY NBD	65	0	25	0	60	15
CALVARY LD	17	0	24	0		
EVANGEL	210	19	24	16	105	16
OAK RIDGE	64	0	24	0	28	17
BELHAVEN	23	0	23	0	0	0
TRINITY RMD	47	0	23	0	0	0
TABERNACLE	58	0	23	0	33	8
VICKS CHAPEL	24	0	22	0	0	0
FENDERLEA	25	0	22	0	0	0
NEW COVENANT	25	0	22	0	13	20
MERRITTS CHAPEL	54	0	21	0		
GOOSE CREEK	34	0	21	0	19	0
NEW VISION	48	0	21	0	0	0
KINSTON FIRST HISPANIC	20	0	20	0		
GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES	26	0	20	0	10	
HOPEWELL	24	0	19	0	29	19
LYON MEMORIAL	55	0	17	0	0	0
MIDDLESEX	20	0	17	0	0	0
GRIFTON	30	0	14	0	0	0
ALLIANCE	47	0	14	0	28	0
CALVARY TEMPLE	14	0	14	0	17	16
NEW HOPE	23	0	11	0	0	0
RED SPRINGS	44	0	11	0	0	0
PLYMOUTH	10	0	8	0		
CRYSTAL COAST	36	0	8	0	0	0
LAMM'S GROVE	56	0	8	0	0	0
FRIENDSHIP NBD	15	0	7	0	0	0
WINDSOR	13	8	7	7	0	0
NEW LIFE	12	0	7	0	0	0
WAKELON	11	0	7	0	0	0
MICRO	17	0	6	0		
GRACEWAY FELLOWSHIP	9	40	6	40	8	8
LIGHTHOUSE	8	0	6	0	0	0
SWANOUARTER	12	0	5	0	0	0

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He Is Risen!

T. Elwood Long

THE REVITALIZATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

It is a fact that all of us must recognize that some churches die just as people die. Many capable authors have approached this subject in recent years to assist the Body of Christ in combating the eroding forces that threaten the life of a local assembly. Some who read this article may consider the word "dying" a wee bit strong to use in describing the condition of some churches. I do not mean to overemphasize the death of some churches, but it would be a misnomer to call some of them declining churches because they have been in a dying state for many years. The life of churches can be legendary because many of them have lived a long time and even "dying" ones can be virtually indestructible as long as there is a group of people who are committed to keeping that local body alive.

I use the word "dying" in some cases because the process that is at work in some of those churches seems as if it is not reversible. This condition is not necessarily the fault either of pastoral leaders or to the followers. The pastors, present and past of some of these, using a gentler word, declining churches, include some of the most intelligent, spiritual and committed pastors I have encountered. Their values and their interests are not wrong, and they are committed to maintaining the local church under their leadership with a basic hope and prayer that it will be reversed in its declining state. The church is more than an organization or an institution. The church is the carrier of the Gospel; the good news that God so loved that He sent His only Son to die on the cross and to be resurrected from the dead to guarantee the salvation of mortals as we submit to the saving and keeping grace. Sometimes it may be that churches become too institutionalized and begin the process of dying because they have become only religious and have turned away from the revelation of God in Jesus Christ and the work of God in the history of man. To those who are in this dreaded state it is obvious that they have lost their grip upon the gospel, or as one writer put it, they've allowed the gospel to lose it's grip upon them. This reliance upon man-made institutions and self-imposed regulations can be a vicious substitute for the life-giving, Holy Spirit-anointed life of commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Of course, no one wants to be noted to be merely religious and not truly, biblically spiritual.

In the latter years of the 1960s a matter occurred in this country that has set the stage for the decline of many churches. For the first time in United States history many of the major church bodies ceased growing and began to obviously decline. Now and in the future we may be able to see that this was one of the most significant turnabouts of the twentieth century. At least, according to my studies, ten of the largest Christian denominations of this country whose membership totaled some seventy-eight million persons in 1967 for the first time had fewer members the next year and fewer yet the year after that. Most of these denominations had been growing uninterruptedly since the early days of this country. In the previous decade they had grown more slowly with many of them failing to stay up with the increase in our nation's population, percentage-wise. In diminishing they reversed a trend that had been marching forward for some two hundred years.

Some observers contend that churches are declining because they are not relevant to the needs of this day. To them, to become more relevant would be to be more involved and show greater interest in social adjustments and engage in many or at least some of the social actions and welfare projects. Still some others would argue that to do so would impair the witness and hasten the decline of the local church by blending into one ecumenical union with those around us. Some of the other remedies that have been offered have merit. The remedy may not be the same for each local church who is declining, but it may be that some of these are applicable to a given situation. If your church local assembly, dear reader, is in that declining posture, may I encourage you to influence your local constituency to look at these possibilities again. Some of them will fit your situation and some will not. All of us must conclude that none of them will work appropriately and effectively until the element that is killing your local church has been identified and dealt with.

Some are saying that more time and resources designated for the religious education training of our people is the answer. To others they would simply call for a radical return to a more literal presentation of biblical facts and truths. Others need to take a strong look at whether or not they have

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been caught up in that Ephesian trait of having lost their first love. When the church becomes more in love with itself and more proud of its facilities and other attributes than it is of the presence and power of God in our midst, then certainly that church has lost it's first love. Please keep in mind that church buildings and other facilities of the church of an inanimate nature do neither have the ability to love or to lose love. The church can be revived and revitalized by the people in that church taking a good strong look at their love relationship of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are some churches that are dying or will die because they have left out the cultivation of an awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence. They have put brakes on the manifestation gifts and de-emphasized the prayer of faith for the healing of our people. A revival of submission to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our midst is absolutely necessary.

Another remedy for some churches who are caught in the throes of the death strangle is a stronger program of biblical stewardship. Some churches are losing their ability to minister effectively because their constituency have become greedy and stolen the Lord's tithes and no longer bring Him offerings of a freewill nature. The church leadership in turn, puts the squeeze on tithing and giving beyond itself. That process shuts up the windows of Heaven and many blessings are withheld because of this introverted stance. This must be reversed by adopting a spirit of liberality to prevail. Praise God, this is happening in many local churches.

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Some churches are telling us that the way to exit the inevitable death that awaits the local church is to bring our liturgy and style of worship into a more contemporary activity and to fill the agenda of the worship service with a broader use of the arts. This may be a legitimate revitalization tool for some churches. However, it must always be kept in mind that any use of the arts is to be totally in line with biblical principles. The performance of the arts must never be simply for the gratifying of the mind but for the edifying of the spirit.

Some have suggested that the church will cease it's decline when there is a new revival of great preaching. What is great preaching? Is great preaching some animated physical and verbal display? Or is it strict adherence to the teaching of the Word of God in a powerfully anointed presentation? Whatever great preaching is, and it certainly can be described in various ways, it must always exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and He alone must be exalted.

Others have suggested that new methods and new media avenues of evangelism must be explored. This is probably one of the strongest arguments to be presented as an approach to turning the church around for the glory of God. Too many are too afraid of what they view as untried and unproven methods of evangelism. We must reach the lost at any cost and at any sacrifice, using whatever means are biblically endorsed.

Others have suggested that we need better and more professional pastoral counseling. This probably would help us a lot in many areas. Certainly every pastor needs to be a good listener and know how to give sound advice in keeping with the principles of God's holy word.

Some of the other suggestions include identification with reaching out to the oppressed minorities whether these be racial or social minorities.

One suggestion that I find in reading various pieces of literature is a suggestion that we experience a greater identification with the youth culture of our day and bring our church activities more in harmony with such. This certainly is a good thing to look at, and I believe that after we have investigated it thoroughly we can honestly say that we probably do need to make more of our activities relevant to the needs of young people, because they are not only the church of tomorrow, they are a very important part of the church of today. However, let me hasten to say we must not weaken the gospel nor the doctrinal tenents that have brought us thus far under God. To violate these direct biblical truths would further hasten declension and the eventual demise of the local church.

ALL CHURCHES ARE NOT DYING. MANY CHURCHES LOCALLY AND DENOMINATIONALLY ARE ON A DRASTIC SPIRALING GROWTH PATTERN. MANY OF OUR PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCHES ARE IN THAT PARTICULAR POSTURE. IN FACT CHURCHES TODAY THAT ARE KNOWN TO BE "MORE CONSERVATIVE" ARE EXPERIENCING THE GREATEST GROWTH. WHILE MANY OF THE "MAINLINE" PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE WHAT THEY HOPE WILL BE BUT A TEMPORARY REVERSAL, OTHER DENOMINATIONS ARE OVERFLOWING WITH TREMENDOUS GROWTH, SUCH AS THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, THE CHURCHES OF GOD AND MANY MORE PENTECOSTAL AND HOLINESS GROUPS SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH. EVANGELICALS ARE STILL EXPERIENCING TREMENDOUS IMPACT EFFECTIVENESS AROUND THE WORLD.

Some of the reasons for this tremendous growth is the commitment of the vast majority of the people of those mentioned in the previous paragraph to sacrifice status, safety, possessions, and even life itself for the cause of Christ and for the future of the church. Another factor is the vast majority of people involved in conservative churches have a willingness to obey the disciplines of the Bible and a willingness to suffer if needs be for the cause of Christ and the good of the church. Another factor that has enveloped this more effective group of believers is an eagerness to tell the good news of the individual's own experience of salvation to other people, including a refusal to be silenced by critics and those who are ashamed of our testimony. In addition many of these in the conservative element of the body of Christ have a winsomeness that adorns them because of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit living in their lives.

Let me emphatically declare that your local church never has to have the identifying marks of a dying congregation, but your local church can be one of dynamic spiritual emphasis and commitment to the total word of the Living God. To God be glory, His Church is alive and well!

CHURCH NEWS

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND HARRY RAY WARD

Rev. Harry Ray Ward

Rev. Harry Ray Ward, 65, of Parkway Drive, Raleigh, died Friday, December 10, 1999. He was the son of the late Dalton Foster and Nina Brown Ward of Tabor City, N.C.

The funeral service was Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. at the Capital Pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial was at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Officiating personnel included: Reverend T. Elwood Long, Conference superintendent; Roland Harrell, secretary-treasurer, North Carolina Conference; J. Doner Lee, retired (former North Carolina Conference superintendent); Tim Marriner, the pastor of the Capital Church; N. Doner Lucas, the pastor of Niagara Pentecostal Holiness Church; and Mr. Alan Avant, lay minister of Lumberton, North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Leota B. Ward; sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Beverly Ward, Larry and Rebekah Ward; daughter, Ginger Ward Baker; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Todd Clifton; ten grandchildren, Tyler, Travis, Tiffany, Lauren, Jordan, Rachel, Kaitlin, Hannah, Ashton, and Landon; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Hixton and Frances Ward and Dalton and Lois Ward, all of Raleigh.

Harry Ray Ward was born in Columbus County, North Carolina, November 19, 1934. Ray was the youngest of four children born to the Wards, who made their living by the "sweat of their brow" by farming and digging wells. Mr. and Mrs. Ward instilled in their children early on the value of honest, productive work, as all of them participated in the business of making a living for the family.

As the value of work was instilled in the children, so was the value of attending church. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were devout Christians and sought to expose their four children to as much church-going as possible. It was in these early days of life that Ray, as was the case with the other children, learned about God and His love.

Ray grew up in a small community called "Vinegar Hill" and attended Tabor City High School. He was a star player on the Tabor City Red Devils football team, playing center. He made exceptionally good grades in school and completed all course requirements for graduation a full year ahead of schedule.

In 1952, Ray met Miss Leota Bryant. She was a bright, vibrant, and beautiful young lady. After only six weeks of courtship Ray and Leota were married on November 26, 1952, in Conway, S.C. Though the courtship was short, the bond of love between them never wavered or weakened, and was stronger than ever after 47 years of marriage.

In the 1950s Hixton, Dalton and Ray moved to the Raleigh area and went into construction business. As time passed, they organized separate businesses and all were very successful. All of the brothers attended the Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Raleigh where Rev. J. Doner Lee was pastor. In a revival meeting conducted by Evangelist Clayton Guthrie, Ray gave his heart to the Lord. In fact, he was saved, sanctified and baptized in the Holy spirit all in the same service. In the years to follow, he devoted himself to much study and learning about his Lord. Though happy in the building trade, Ray seemed to have a certain restlessness about him. Finally, he came to grips with it. God had been dealing with his heart about entering the ministry. He was torn about what to do. The building business was doing good and he had no formal education for the ministry, just lots of questions to deal with. *But, he knew that he must obey the Lord's calling, and so he did.* With the call of God burning in his heart he joined the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness church in 1967. Since then he has pastored six churches, some of them more than once. He pastored over a period of 31 years, during which time he built a beautiful new church and parsonage in Warrenton, a parsonage in Williamston, and another parsonage in Smithfield. His churches always showed progress spiritually and numerically. He was a good shepherd.

His homegoing on Friday, December 10th, marked an end to his earthly life with all its pain and sorrows, for he had suffered much. But it was the beginning of a new life of joy and everlasting peace. His labors are now complete! He has heard his Master say, **"Welcome, thou good and faithful servant. You have fought a good fight, you have won the race." We rejoice! FOR HE IS HOME AT LAST!**

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Rev. Vera Griffin . . . . . April 7
Rev. Jesse Horne . . . . . April 8
Rev. G. S. Holliday . . . . . April 11
Rev. S. J. Williams . . . . . April 16
Rev. Rodney Knowles . . . . . April 23
Rev. Jettie Parker . . . . . April 24
Rev. Elton Lancaster . . . . . April 27

RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Wilson celebrated Friend Day 2000 February 27th. Three hundred and four were in attendance. The adult choir sang a new song "Home at Last" led by Music Director Dallas Montague. Paula Webb sang "The Judgment" for the solo special. Pastor Merrill Davis delivered a message titled, "What It Means to Be a Friend of God," from the texts of James 2:23 and John 19:12-16. There was plenty of food and friends on hand as we celebrated the largest attendance ever in the history of the Church. Soli Deo Gloria

– Pastor / Teacher Merrill Davis

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRYANT MELTON HORNE, JR.

Bryant Melton Horne, Jr.

The funeral of Bryant Melton Horne Jr. was conducted on January 22, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. at Northwood Temple Church in Fayetteville, N. C., by Rev. John Hedgepeth and Rev. Gary Strickland.

Bryant was born on May 3, 1968, and died on January 19, 2000. He is survived by his mother, Peggy Annette Horne and his sister, Kelly Horne Phillips, both of Fayetteville. He was preceded in death by his father, Bryant Melton Horne Sr.

Bryant was well-known among the Pentecostal Holiness denomination as an outstanding musician. He played for Falcon Camp Meeting a number of years.

Bryant was a child prodigy, playing the piano, saxophone, French horn, and organ. He obtained a B.A. in Music Education from Campbell University. He also blessed countless people with his clear singing voice.

We are saddened by the loss of this great talent. We are thankful that he passed our way. We are all the richer for it.

"A WRECK IS GOING TO HAPPEN!!!"

...announced Royal Rangers Commander Dwayne Dunning of Falcon, NC.

On Wednesday night, March 1, 2000, the Royal Rangers of Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Falcon had a special demonstration of a "wreck" on the NC Conference Campgrounds. Men, women, and children gathered for the excitement that was about to take place.

Mr. Dunning, Mr. John Gipson, and Mr. Phil Walters had asked Mac's Towing Service and staff of Fayetteville, NC, to come with two huge wreckers to the campgrounds to give a special demonstration of a huge overturned truck and how they manage to turn it upright at the scene of a real accident.

Excitement filled the air as Pastor Danny Nelson and the Wednesday night prayer group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes,

and Teens watched with anticipation while the towing crew prepared the wreckers with huge cranes, ropes, and air bags to turn the truck upright. With much experience and preparation, the crew worked diligently and soon the truck was slowly positioned upright.

Everyone expresses their appreciation to Mac's Towing Service for taking time out to come and demonstrate this activity.

R. M. STEWART

August 8, 1932 – February 16, 1999

R. M. Stewart

Disciple of Christ, Husband, Father, Preacher, Lover of the WORD and books.

The R. M. Stewart Library is fully operational. The library contains 12,105 entries—books, magazines, audio tapes, and video tapes. The library is located in the upstairs of the Conference Resource Center. The library is open during regular office hours to any serious Bible student. Checkout of books is not allowed.

This is one fantastic library! Our deep love and appreciation to Annie Laura Stewart and her two sons Marshall and Chris, who donated the library.

SPECIAL PICTURES

Recently the N. C. Conference Archives was given several "old" pictures of the early 1900s. Many of these are priceless for Pentecostal Holiness Churches. These pictures were given by Rev. David Butts. Thanks, David, and God bless you!

We are in the process of organizing and developing the Archives Department at the Conference Resource Center. Materials of a historical nature is deeply appreciated.

Can you identify these men?

LINES FROM LINDA...

During this Lent season, I am enjoying a devotional guide titled *Journey To The Cross.* This morning I revisited John 11 where I reviewed the account of the resurrection of Lazarus. As I read the scripture, I was reminded that Jesus knew why Lazarus had died. It was time for a miracle. It was time for Him to prove His authority. If you notice, Jesus didn't rush right over to take care of the situation the very moment He got the news of Lazarus' death. He lingered two days. He knew there were scoffers who would doubt his resurrecting power, so He gave plenty of time for everyone to know that Lazarus was DEAD! Then, at the right moment, Jesus announced that He was going to Judea to "awaken" Lazarus. By the time He arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. He was already in the grave.

As Jesus approached the home of Lazarus, his sister, Martha, ran to meet him. In great frustration, she cried out, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died." This almost sounds accusatory; however, faith rose within her, and she said, "I know it's not too late, because whatever you ask of God, He will do." As a response to her statement of faith, Jesus answered her with the promise that her brother would live again.

Martha said, "I know he will live again in the resurrection at the last day." It seems that Martha believed for the future but had doubts about the here and now. Jesus didn't leave much time for that doubt to prevail. He answered her, "I AM THE RESURRECTION... Do you believe this?" Her response affirmed her faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

But Lazarus didn't burst forth from the grave at that moment and rush on the scene. Jesus had not yet dealt with Lazarus' other sister, Mary. When she realized He was there, she also went out to greet him. Grief-stricken and weeping, she fell at Jesus' feet with the same concern as her sister Martha. "If you had been here, my brother would not have died." Unlike Martha, Mary did not go on to express any other expectations of Jesus. Instead she and her friends continued to weep. It was at that point that Jesus wept!

Why did Jesus weep? Not for Lazarus, for he already knew that Lazarus would not stay in the grave. Did he weep because Mary was weeping...to show human compassion? I wonder, for he could have just told her what he knew and brought laughter to her. Was there a more compelling reason for his tears? You will note that Mary did not make any statement of expectation of Jesus. She simply continued to weep, focusing on the fact that Lazarus was dead. Could it have been that Jesus wept because, in the midst of Mary's sorrow and despair, she had forgotten Who He was. She had failed to recognize the answer to her problems was at hand. As Mary's friends went on to accuse Jesus of letting Lazarus die, He groaned.

It was time for action. He commanded the stone to be rolled away from the grave entrance. Again doubt arose in Martha, and she expressed concern that her brother had already been dead four days and would have an offensive odor by now. Jesus reminded her, "If you will believe, you will see the glory of God." With a voice of great authority, Jesus cried out, "Lazarus, come forth." At that moment, Lazarus arose. Lazarus was alive and well. Jesus had once again proved that He was the Son of God.

I related to this lesson as I read it this morning. In some distressful times of my life, when Jesus came on the scene, I have been like Martha. I have expressed frustration and exhibited doubt but still looked to Him in faith. On the other hand, there have also been times when I have been much like Mary. In the midst of sorrow or hurt, I have failed to acknowledge who Jesus is. I have continued to mourn, thus causing friends to mourn with me. How I must have sorrowed the heart of Jesus by not trusting in Him to meet my need. Perhaps I, too, have caused Jesus to weep.

Like the stone that separated Jesus from Lazarus, there is sometimes a barrier that separates me from the miracle. Jesus could have rolled that stone away himself, but he called on the people to do that. Is that significant? I believe so! We have a responsibility to get rid of the barrier that separates us from the mighty power of God. As we celebrate Easter, the season of resurrection, may we take action to roll away the stone that separates us from the miracle working power of God. May we all truly believe and sing the refrain:

"HIS RESURRECTION POWER
IS MOVING IN THIS HOUR
THAT JESUS MIGHT BE GLORIFIED"

HAPPY HEARTS SPRING MEETINGS...

Clinton, Fayetteville, Lumberton & Wilmington Districts
Monday, April 10th, 10:30 A.M.
Piggly Wiggly Restaurant in Clinton, NC
Blanche Pollard, Contact Person
919-658-6714

Greenville, Morehead City, New Bern & Williamston Districts
Monday, April 17th, 10:30 A.M.
Golden Corral in Greenville, NC
Marjorie Teachey, Contact Person
252-792-3752

Goldsboro, Raleigh, Rocky Mount & Wilson Districts
Thursday, April 20th, 10:30 A.M.
Holt's Restaurant in Smithfield, NC
Margaret Potter, Contact Person
919-779-8885

MOBILIZING FOR MISSION IN GREENVILLE DISTRICT ...

In my first year as District Director, I have been quite overwhelmed at the generosity and kindness the Greenville District extends to the community. In keeping with this year's theme, Greenville District is mobilizing itself for mission. God is moving within the Pentecostal Holiness denomination, and we are all challenged to embrace this move. It is good to know that mission is already taking place in many wonderful ways.

I can't begin to share all the many ways the Greenville District pitched in and continues to help victims of the recent flood that severely changed many lives in the district. Ladies

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organized youth mission groups, volunteered at Red Cross, and contributed in many abundant ways. The heart of these ladies goes beyond helping during a catastrophe and looks for the little ways to be a blessing throughout the community. Some bake cookies for the local fire/police department and prepare care packages for the elderly. The Winterville PH Church is excited about a new ministry, POP, spearheaded by their pastor's wife, Janie Howard. Parents of Prodigals is a support group for parents of children who are unsaved, especially those deep in sin. [See February issue of *Evangel* for details or contact Janie at Winterville PH Church.]

Construction is under way at Family Life Tabernacle (formerly Shelmerdine) as the church positions itself where the community can better be reached for the cause of Christ. The ladies have sold dinners and held auctions for this project but still continue to give to others. At Christmas, they prepared an angel tree for missionaries Rose Boyd and the Ron Wooten family. The community filled the church for a program by the youth drama ministry and adult choir, which was followed by a reception in their honor. Looks on the children's faces as they opened gifts made it all worthwhile.

One of the most exciting and rewarding opportunities right now in our area is the new ATAM Home in Greenville. It will house six young women to not only meet immediate physical needs, but spiritual needs as well. They must attend church in order to live in the home. The host parents are from St. Paul PH Church in Greenville. Greenville area ladies and friends are pitching in to get the new home up and running. Kinston PH Church held baby showers to collect needed items. Ladies from Bethel PH Church collected cleaning supplies. Greenville PH Church donated three sets of twin beds, living room and dining room furniture. They held a Rock-a-Thon to raise money for this as well as for Falcon Children's Home. The new ATAM home continues to need operational supplies, so it's not too late for your church to get on the bandwagon.

Speaking of wagons, you might have young children of your church pull wagons down the aisle for the congregation to put their commodities in for ATAM or Falcon Children's Home. A great time to do this would be right after Sunday school. If wagons are not available, you might use child-size shopping carts or have the children carry sand buckets for monetary donations. Who can resist putting in a donation when the one collecting is one of our precious children with a smile as they hold their bucket before you, waiting for a contribution?

As Sanctity of Life Sunday was observed in January at the Kinston First PH Church, they had a short ceremony during the morning worship service. A candle with roses placed around it was on the communion table. The candle was lit and burned during the worship service in memory of unborn babies. It was a simple ceremonial event but quite touching. What a great idea for other churches to consider for this solemn day!

On that note, I remind you to consider the New Life Christian Adoption Agency. Recommend them to families desiring to adopt babies and to those who may have babies to put up for adoption. They currently have families waiting for babies. Contact Director Ron Butler (919-362-5178) for more information.

If all the districts are as busy as Greenville District, we will be mobilized for mission and ready to move to the next level of ministry. According to Tommy Tenney in his book, *The God Chasers,* "God will only birth things to people who make room for the miraculous by faith." Make provisions now, and next year we will truly be able to celebrate all that God has done through our obedience in Mobilizing for Mission in 2000.

–Submitted by Rev. Teresa H. Smith

Teresa Smith is the Greenville District WM director. She also serves as associate pastor of Family Life Tabernacle. She is married to Claude Smith, and they have two very talented sons. Their entire family is very active in the church.

GARDENING GOD'S WAY

Plant three rows of peas:
- Peace of mind
- Peace of heart
- Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:
- Squash gossip
- Squash indifference
- Squash grumbling
- Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:
- Lettuce be faithful
- Lettuce be kind
- Lettuce be obedient
- Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without turnips:
- Turnip for meetings
- Turnip for service
- Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate with much love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

To conclude your garden, you must have thyme:
- Thyme for God
- Thyme for study
- Thyme for prayer

LOOKING AHEAD...

NCWM CONVENTION date is Saturday, June 10. The theme is ***TOGETHER WE CAN.*** The program will focus on mobilizing all women to ministry, with a special tribute to and focus on ministers' wives. Mrs. John (Faye) Hedgepeth will be the speaker. Mrs. T. E. (Sylvia) Long will also be making a special presentation. Local WM awards will be presented and business of NCWM handled. Every local Women's Ministries should be represented. Details can be obtained from local WM directors, secretary-treasurers or pastors' wives.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS should be on our minds. Local contributions are to be sent to Patsy Deese in August so that gifts can be received by our missionaries in time for Christmas.

FEAST OF INGATHERING OFFERINGS will be received in August and September during the Fall District Conferences. Be prepared to support our church colleges through this emphasis offering. Let's make 2000 a record-breaking year for North Carolina Conference.

HARVEST TRAIN date is November 21st. If you haven't already done so, start now to collect commodities for Falcon Children's Home. Mark your calendar and plan to personally take your goods and offerings to this special event in Falcon.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

JOHN R. "JACK" STEAD HOMEGOING

We received word that Rev. Jack Stead passed away on March 2nd in New Zealand. Jack and Gladys Stead were missionaries to Durban, South Africa, from 1951-1977 and retired in New Zealand. They worked among the Zulu tribe, and Jack was known as the "White Zulu" as he spoke Zulu so fluently. Brother Stead has been in poor health for some time and has been staying in a hospice where he passed away. Please remember Sister Stead and all the family in your prayers.

His son gave the following testimony:

"Jack passed into the immediate presence of His Lord and this mortal put on immortality. Suffering has ended and glory has begun. Dad has not been able to speak for some days now, but yesterday he started us by shouting out "Hallelujah"—his last word."

APPRECIATION GIFTS FOR 1999 GIVING

Each year the World Missions Ministries, Oklahoma City, awards special appreciation gifts to pastors and local directors. Gifts are awarded for increases in total giving, $1,250.00 or more, and/or $750 increase or more in the "GO" Offering. A church may win in one category per year. In addition, special gifts are given for Conference winners. These gifts will be given out at the upcoming World Evangelism Rallies.

Congratulations are in order for the following winners.

2000 "CONFERENCE" APPRECIATION GIFTS For Missions Year 1999

Largest Total Overall Giving
John Hedgepeth — Northwood Temple
$245,368.63

Largest "GO" Percentage Increase
Jimmy Williams — Rehoboth
$25.00 to $856.61
3,326.4% increase

Largest Overall Per Capita Giving
Tim Marriner — The Capital
$229.59 per capita

2000 "GO" APPRECIATION GIFTS FOR YEAR 1999

	Church	Pastor - $75.00	Local Director - $50.00	Increase
1	Williamston	Roger Leggett	Linda Edmundson	4,165.00
2	Benson	Jimmy Barnhill	Charles Lee Byrd	4,029.00
3	Clinton	Ken Milliken	Jeff Wilson	2,272.00
4	Grace Family Fellowship	Barry Nall	Cathy Smith	1,972.61
5	Saint Paul	Allen Mayo		1,950.50
6	Roper	Oris Hubbard	Judith Roscoe	1,920.59
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9	Kenly	Lamarr Jackson	Sandra Weaver	1,220.00
10	Elizabethtown	Jerry Green	Teresa Green	1,079.72
11	Covenant Family Fellowship	Danny Collins	Maggie Teague	1,000.00
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17	Penderlea	Wayne Keene	Marion Knowles	889.00
18	Rehoboth	Jimmy Williams	Lorena Williams	831.61
19	Living Waters	Ricky Nelms	Judy Watson	826.08
20	Faith (GD)	Will Haddock		811.00
21	Eastside	Anthony Rogers	Florence Baker	810.00
22	Snow Hill	Leroy Evans	B. J. Howard	798.50
23	New Bern First	Calvin Trueblood	David Barber	768.35
24	Boardman	Jesse Parsons	Beth Hayes	750.00
25	Harvest Temple	Fred Jones	Wayne White	750.00
				34,548.35

2000 "TOTAL GIVING" APPRECIATION GIFTS FOR YEAR 1999

	Church	Pastor - $75.00	Local Director - $50.00	Increase
1	Northwood temple	John Hedgepeth	Cecille Booth	50,424.04
2	The Capital	Tim Marriner	Kevin Arthur	36,309.05
3	Gospel Tabernacle	King White	Carolyn Brackman	24,013.69
4	Baywood	Ron Cannon	Melba Hughes	16,868.09
5	Sanford First	Elton Bryan	Larry Johnson	4,422.19
6	Grace Community	Tim Strickland	Barbara Jackson	3,588.42
7	Hobgood	Dempsey Winstead	Sam Medford	2,921.65
8	Hollands Chapel	Thad White	Helen Hayes	2,758.38
9	Tarboro First	Jesse Blalock	Johnny Kent	2,675.75
10	Culbreth Memorial	Danny Nelson	Enoch Hamilton	2,663.00
11	Saint Pauls	Ray Fairdloth	Ray Faircloth Jr.	2,629.62
12	Graham Memorial	Bill Hooper	Harold Dudley	2,595.50
13	Mount Olive	Chris Rooks	Vera Malcom	2,542.85
14	Shiloh (WD)	Ralph Leggett	Stanley Davis	2,521.26
15	The First	Jimmy Whitfield	Jane Woodard	2,445.05
16	Saint Matthew	Jimmy Swinson	Linda Parrish	2,030.00
17	Middlesex	William Price		1,688.50
18	Smyrna	Vance Harrell	Paul Wade	1,663.00
19	Faith (WD)	Danny Gurganus	Aldine Lewis	1,589.50
20	Millennium	Paul Edwards	Kenny Hurdle	1,545.00
21	Oak Ridge	Erfie Hayes	Lucille Fann	1,466.41
22	Stantonsburg	Tony Hawley	Audie Denton	1,412.75
23	Thompson Chapel	Mike Burney	William Page	1,402.78
24	Kinston First	Bobby Williams	Gayle Goff	1,305.44
				173,481.92

EVERY CHURCH NEEDS FOUR PULPITS by Owen Weston

It is evident that the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19–20 mandates a global view of evangelism. "To go into all the world" must include starting at the home church neighborhood, reaching the surrounding neighborhoods and conquering the city, the county, the country, and all the earth. For too long the focus has been (1) the mother church and (2) the ends of the earth and ***not*** the places in between.

Acts 1:8 makes it very clear that the church needs to have 4 pulpits.

USA Today reported that church attendance in America in 1998 was the lowest it has ever been in the history of this country. It has dropped to 36% compared to 38% a few years ago and 40% in 1987. Meanwhile, Dr. Barrett reports in the *Encyclopedia of Religion* that Christianity is increasing in places like Africa, which is now 40% Christian and so on. The largest Christian churches in the world are not in "Christian America," but in the countries where America has been sending missionaries: Seoul, Korea; South America; and Africa.

Why is Christianity growing in the rest of the world but declining in the USA? As always there is never just one answer. Christianity was once dominant in the Middle East and North Africa, but then it all but disappeared from that region. It was evident in Asia Minor as the seven churches in Revelation indicate, but today all that remains are ruins. This same scenario can be seen in Europe and England. Now it is happening in America.

What causes this reoccurring pattern? James Montgomery in his book, *Dawn 2000*, may offer the best answer. He makes the case that the church throughout history has failed to carry out the "Acts 1:8 mandate." Acts 1:8 says, "After that the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you shall receive power to witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth." Montgomery suggests this verse is not simply a summation of the missionary work recorded in Acts as most New Testament scholars propose, but that this scripture should be the model for New Testament evangelism strategy. In Acts 1:8 Jerusalem was the home city or base for the New Testament church begun at Pentecost. Judea is the province in which Jerusalem was located. Samaria is the anti-Jewish, the "unclean," area close to Judea where no good Jew dared to venture. Even Jesus' going through Samaria concerned his disciples, especially when he stopped to speak to the prostitute. The "ends of the earth" is self-explanatory.

Montgomery says this scripture should give the model. The local church is Jerusalem, the mother church, and it needs to focus on four evangelistic prongs. It should build up itself, Jerusalem. It should branch out to Judea, the mother church's surrounding community. Samaria is the mother church's evangelistic witness into the "unclean," prostitute-filled, unacceptable, nearby communities. And fourth, the "ends of the earth" is the witness the mother church propagates into foreign fields. **This means that each church should have four pulpits and outreach points in its strategy to conquer the world for Christ: its Jerusalem, its Judea, its Samaria, and its foreign fields.**

America was once the missionary ground for Europe's Christian churches. America then became the strong Christian base when these European churches lost their local power and died evangelistically. America has followed the same pattern of Christianity in Asia Minor, Europe and England. It, too, has sent missionaries to Africa, Korea, and South America, and similarly, the local church has died while the foreign church starts to carry the banner.

However, it is not too late for America. We can learn from history. If America would do as Montgomery suggests, **and if each church in America incorporates an Acts 1:8 mandate, Christianity in America will not die as it has in other countries.** The local church needs to concentrate not only on building itself up and focusing on foreign missions. The church should also include planting other churches in the surrounding areas, its Judea. What this means is that when the mother church (Jerusalem) dies, other churches it has started will duplicate the mother church's evangelistic thrust in that area. If this continues, the mother church's evangelistic thrust never disappears from the local city or country, but continues on simultaneously with the evangelistic growth taking place with its foreign missions.

If this four-fold program and evangelistic thrust, as modeled in Acts 1:8, is carried out by churches in America, we will never lose our evangelistic thrust of America and we will continue to affect our world wherever we send foreign missions dollars and people. The future of our gospel message depends on this, and so does Christianity in America.

Looking at the example in the New Testament, it becomes evident that the Jerusalem church was in no way content to be localized in Jerusalem. Admittedly, the dispersion of the Jews helped to plant churches all around the Middle East and beyond. But, nowhere do we find Jerusalem disparaging the starting of the new church.

In Acts 13, we have one of the most powerful examples of a mother church starting daughter churches in the surrounding area. The interesting event of Acts 13 was that the two senior pastors, Barnabas and Paul, were the very ones that were asked to leave the mother church and go and start the daughter church.

It becomes clear as one continues to read Acts that a whole team of people left the mother church to be involved in such a church plant endeavor.

Another interesting fact about the church in Acts 13 was that it was started by *lay people*, and when Jerusalem heard that a church had been started in Antioch, they sent the pastor, Barnabas, to go and oversee them (Acts 11:19–24).

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN — From Director Ronnie Basden

"A Note From the Director"

Our teenagers today are very precious. When I look at them, I see those who were the fun-loving children of yesterday and who will be the decision-making adults of tomorrow.

But, right now, they are who they are—emotionally tender pre-adults trying to figure out where they fit in this world. And we should acknowledge their struggles and support them in this awkward stage of life.

It really breaks my heart when I hear of teenagers being killed in our schools and on our streets. Daily the news tells of young people doing and dealing drugs, abusing alcohol, engaging in illicit sex, and on and on. Worse yet, are the too-often reports of teenagers who take their own lives.

Well, I am here to say that we can do something to stop this tragic trend. First, we can let them know that they matter! They are a vital part of us and we need to tell them every day, in word and deed, how important they are to us and to God.

Remember, they are not just the church of tomorrow, they are the church right now!

Second, we can go to battle in prayer against the evil forces plotting to engulf and destroy our youth. We can pray with our teenagers and for them, lifting them up before God daily.

Start today making a difference in the lives of your youth! Tell them, one-on-one, how much you love and appreciate them. Acknowledge the hard places they face and let them know you are calling out their name to a great and powerful God who loves them even more than we can!

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DADS...statistics reveal that children from fatherless homes are:

- 5 times more likely to commit suicide.
- 32 times more likely to run away.
- 20 times more likely to have behavioral disorders.
- 14 times more likely to commit rape.
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- 9 times more likely to end up in a state-operated institution.
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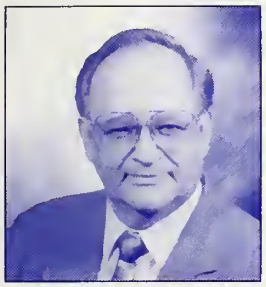
CALENDAR CHECK:

- April 22 ..... Resurrection Breakfast. Is your men's group either hosting this event or going to join in with another men's group?
- May 4 ..... National Day of Prayer ..... Let's get involved!
- June 11 ..... Laymen's Sunday
- June 18 ..... Father's Day

"DOING TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE."



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THE FUTURE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regarding the church, Jesus said three things: (1) it is His church; (2) He will build it; and (3) hell will not defeat it! (Matthew 16:18) Nowhere are ***we*** authorized to build churches ourselves ***except*** as part of our strategy in carrying out the Great Commission. Matthew 28:19–20 makes it plain what we are to be spending our time and resources doing: winning, assimilating, and discipling.

> *A Great Commission Sunday School will be accomplishing Great Commission purposes!*

These are the works of the Sunday School, also. It stands to reason that a Great Commission Sunday School will be accomplishing Great Commission purposes. If your Sunday School is not accomplishing these goals, Author Ken Hemphill in his book Revitalizing the Sunday Morning Dinosaur, makes several assertions as to why this might be so.

He first lists ***loss of evangelistic focus*** as a prime cause. Few modern day Sunday Schools have a clearly defined evangelistic strategy or focus. If you analyze most classes, you would find that fellowship was more a factor than evangelism or systematic study of the Bible.

Second is ***loss of emphasis and commitment.*** As the evangelistic focus was lost, the excitement was lost, and when excitement waned, many pastors and church leaders lost their enthusiasm for Sunday School. Many "with-it" modern churches say that Sunday School is dead, and have replaced it with some other type of Small Group ministry. Yet, statistics show that "old-fashioned" Sunday School has the potential to reach ***two to three times*** as many people as many other "Small Groups" ministries—if it is properly structured and promoted.

Third, he lists ***loss of vision for the total work of the Sunday School.*** A properly functioning Sunday School class will achieve the three Great Commission goals. A well-structured Sunday School class will maintain a balanced commitment to the overall work of the church.

Fourth, there is often a ***lack of a clear sense of purpose.*** Every church ought to look at each of its activities and ask the question, "Why are we doing this?" If there is not a reason that clearly relates to the Great Commission in general, and the Mission of that church in specific, it may be time to re-evaluate the effectiveness of that activity.

Fifth is ***fear of innovation.*** Many people have an automatic fear of anything new, of "changing things." But we see that everything ***outside*** the church is changing, whether we like it or not. A church that is afraid of change will not effectively minister to today's world! We have the task of carrying an ***unchanging*** gospel to an ***ever-changing*** world.

In conclusion, let me say that Sunday School can and should be an integral part of the growth strategy of a Great Commission church. When Brother Thompson and I visit your district this spring, we will be showing you ways to structure your ministries to help your church accomplish this end.

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2000

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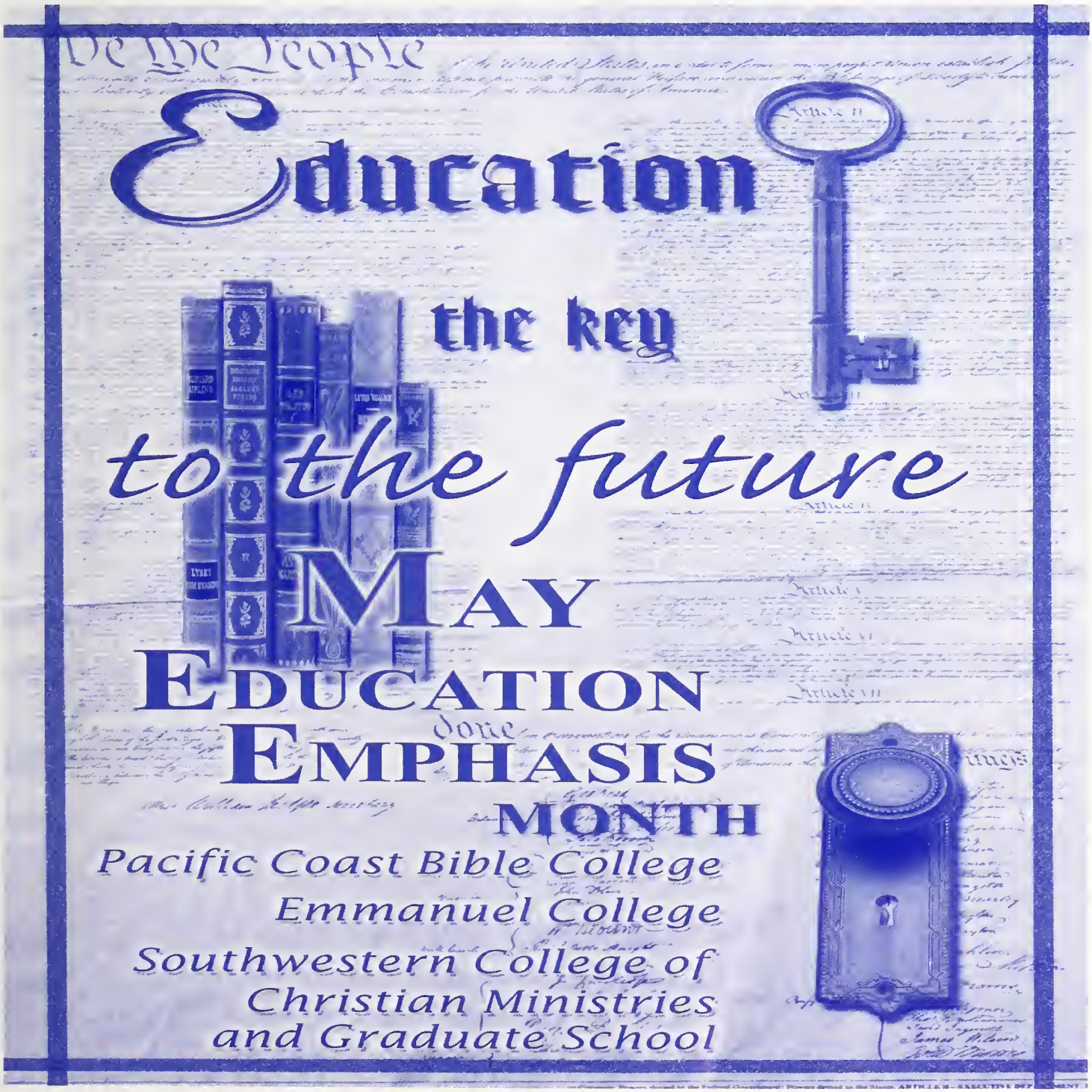

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Below are the winners of the District Conference Evaluation Report 100 Point System for the year 1999.

POINTS	DISTRICT	CHURCH
169	Williamston	Belhaven
162	Clinton	Trinity
123	Rocky Mount	Alert
120	Goldsboro	Pikes Crossroads
120	Wilson	Sims
116	Wilmington	Wilmington First
115	New Bern	Harvest Temple CTM
114	Lumberton	St. Pauls
108	Raleigh	Clayton
101	Greenville	Gethsemane
90	Fayetteville	Mount Carmel
80	Morehead City	Harkers Island

This is the 1999 District Conference Evaluation 100 Point System Report that was used to calculate winners.

Category I – 30 Plus Points*		**Points**
A.	Gain in A.M. Attendance* (5 points for gain - then one point for each % gained)	
B.	Gain Church Membership* (5 points for gain then one point for each % gained)	
C.	Gain in Sunday School Avg. Att. (Systematic Bible Study)* (5 points for gain – then one point for each % gained	
Category II—Attendance Points —20 points		
A.	Pastor Present —10 points (5 points for each District Conference)	
B.	Delegate Present — 10 points (5 points for each District Conference	
Category III - Financial Support - 45 points		
A.	General Tithe —10 points (5 points for first 5%- all or no points - then one extra point for each added percent above 5%	
B.	Conference Allocation — 10 points (5 points for first 5%- all or no points - then one extra point for each added percent above 5%	
C.	One extra point if church pays full 18%	
D.	Other Conference Department Support - 15 plus points (3 points for each Christian Education Ministries, Conference Evangelism, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, WIN, Children's Home, Royal Rangers, Evangelism USA(extra credit may be realized here)	
E.	Support World Missions and/or Evangelism USA - 5 points	
F.	Support Conference Building Fund - 5 points	
Category IV - Promptness of Reports		
	Reports are promptly received in Falcon - 3 points (Monthly, Semi-Annual, Annual)	
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CHURCH NEWS

In Memoriam

Reverend James Russell Clark

I became acquainted with Brother Russell Clark in the fall of 1962 during a revival meeting in which I spoke at his home church, Harvest Temple at Roanoke Rapids (then known as Gum Chapel). I later became his pastor in 1964. Brother Russell was always the same caring, courteous and courageous person of sterling Christian character. He was a man of integrity in his personal life and public service. He was an excellent Sunday School teacher who later accepted the call to preach and was licensed and ordained by the North Carolina Conference in 1974.

I praise God for giving us this good man to serve among us.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and stepchildren of the Greenwood, S. C., area. He is also survived by his sister, Willa, and her family and a host of friends in the Roanoke Rapids, N. C., area.

—T. Elwood Long

The funeral for Brother Russell Clark was at New Life Pentecostal Holiness Church in Greenwood, South Carolina, conducted by Dr. Phillip Morris and me.

He was placed at rest in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens to wait the coming of his Lord.

I first met Brother Russell in 1970 when I was sent to pastor his home church in Roanoke Rapids.

I found him to be a man of sterling Christian character. He was thought well of by his church and those he worked with.

He was a student of the Word and could rightly divide it.

He was willing to do what he was asked to do if it was to fill the pulpit when I was away, or teach at the rest home. He always did a fine job.

He was a true friend to my wife and me for the 25 years I was his pastor.

I await the day we shall meet again.

Job 7:1-4
Is there not an appointed time to man upon the earth?
Are not his days also like the days of an hireling?
As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling
looketh for the reward of his work:
So I am made to possess months of vanity,
and wearisome nights are appointed to me.
When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise and the night be gone?
And I am full of tossing to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

—Rev. Fred L. Jones

Superannuated Birthdays For May

Rev. R. N. Hood	May 19
Rev. W. M. Watkins	May 20
Rev. J. Garland Edwards	May 20
Rev. Tom Bizzell	May 21
Rev. L. H. Leggett	May 25
Rev. McElree Purifoy	May 28
Rev. Royce Beacham	May 29

Birth Announcement

Rev. and Mrs. Dean Fulford are the proud parents of a baby boy, Caleb Nathaniel Fulford. Caleb was born March 18. He weighed 7lbs 14 ½ ozs and was 19 ½ inches long.

His grandparents are: Armistead Dean, Sr. and Peggy Fulford and Rudolph Earl Bell and Della Salter.

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

• *A New Beginning For Pastors and Congregations*. By Kennon Callahan, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1999.228 pp. $22.00

Once again Callahan has written a thorough and thought-provoking book on a new beginning for pastors and congregations, designed to help the young or veteran pastor gain new insights as to how to begin well in a new pastorate, or in a situation that did not have a good beginning and needs a jump-start to aid the pastor-congregation relationship by capitalizing on each other's shared gifts and strengths. The author encourages the pastor to lead with a sense of balance by striving to excel in doing three things well: loving, listening and leading. The congregation will respond positively in accomplishing the shared vision and accepting necessary change that will strengthen the ministry and influence of the church.

There are many good reasons for any pastor to want to stay for a long period of time at one church. Besides being tired of moving, a church begins to realize significant ministry and growth only as a pastor remains passionately faithful to the congregation and the people persist in faithfulness to the call and gifts of the pastor. Deepening relationships between the people of the church and the pastor ensure a coherence and competency in fulfilling the mission, and produces a healthy commitment toward the future of the mission of the church

This book deserves wide distribution among our constituency and leaders. All pastors will gain helpful information and insight in the art and science of pastoring by reacting this publication.

• *The Path to True Happiness*. By D. Manyn Lloyd-Jones, Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1999.215 pp. $16.99

Here is another Biblical Studies book for God's people in the trenches: Sunday School teachers, lay men and women, pastors and church leaders, and all serious Bible students.

Lloyd-Jones, known for his excellent expositions on the Pauline epistles, expounds and elucidates the second chapter of the Gospel of John with traditional clarity and depth providing profitable and practical information concerning the path of true happiness by knowing Jesus Christ who reveals Himself as the Son of God, the second Person in the blessed Holy Trinity.

Have you accepted the fact that there seems to be tremendous dissatisfaction in people's lives today? Most people seem to have more money and things than ever before, and yet, a large percentage of people are not experiencing the true, lasting happiness and life satisfaction that goes with Christian living. This is true with many pastors as well. What's the problem?

No doubt our culture and "way of life" contribute to this restlessness among people. Too much pressure and too many demands with so limited energy and resources augment the frustration people feel these days. Relief usually comes with something "new" and "fresh" that offers a change in the routine of life. But even that kind of relief is short-lived because the new eventually becomes old, in need of being replaced with something "new" again. Some people change churches for the same reasons only to find themselves eventually in the same rut and routine as before.

This publication offers welcomed relief to those of us who suffer from a lack of life satisfaction and fulfillment as Christians. Forgetfulness about who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us tends to steal our joy and happiness. Abiding in Christ is the key that unlocks the door to life satisfaction. The newness one experiences in abiding in Him never fades or goes away. His love is as fresh as the morning dew, and His eyes are always upon us. He knows and understands like no other. In the pertinent words of Henry Collins: "Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore; O make me love Thee more and more."

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Maranatha Says Farewell

On Sunday, February 27, 2000, Pastor Marty D. Warren & his wife, Jane, resigned from the congregation of Maranatha P. H. Church. After almost six years as our Shepherd, Bro. Marty has felt the Lord leading him in another direction for ministry.

With heavy hearts but understanding the "calls" on their lives, the church family started making plans for a "Farewell Reception." The reception was planned for Sunday evening, March 5th.

The service began with the choir singing several special songs. Our Youth Pastor, Reggie Ethridge, presented Pastor Marty with a nerf ball and goal. Bro. Marty has expressed a desire to play basketball. The goal was signed by our youth. He presented Mrs. Jane with a book entitled, *The All New Cousin Shamus Dictionary of Downeast Words & Sayings*. The choir hopes this will help Mrs. Jane with her "diction."

Individuals were given ample time to say, "thank you" to Bro. Marty & Mrs. Jane. Gifts and cards were given to them as expressions of love and appreciation.

A very special gift to this couple was a video compiled by Sis. Patsy Deese of their ministry at Maranatha. Approximately two hundred pictures and four songs were transferred to a video. The video included fun day activities, baby dedications, baptisms, church membership, couples seminar, Easter egg hunt, youth trips, fund raisers, Women's Ministries activities and other special events that occurred during their ministry at Maranatha. This video was only a capsule of how the Lord has blessed their ministry.

After showing the video, the church family had a great time of fun, food and fellowship.

We have been so blessed to have had them serve with us. They have made a permanent mark in the history and life of Maranatha Church. They have shared their love and talents. Pastor Marty has allowed God to be God, and he has taught us to seek God's Will for each of our lives. Mrs. Jane has used her musical talents to develop an outstanding choir and musicians. They will truly be missed.

Maranatha is trusting the Lord to send us someone to carry on the vision God has given us to reach the lost to Christ in Carteret County.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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"...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40 NIV

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MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN – From Director Ronnie Baysden

KEEP ON BURNING!!

*In Ezekiel 20:47, we find an inspiring message from God: **"...Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee!..."***

Recently, I attended a revival service. The evangelist spoke one particular night on building a fire that will not go out. The Lord spoke to my heart that this is exactly what we as men of God (and women of God too!) need to do! We need to build a burning fire that will not go out!

So many times, we become excited about something we hear, and it ignites a fire in our spirit that starts burning. But the newness wears off, and the pressures of life begin to press in. Before we hardly know it, our burning fire has dwindled to barely a smoldering ember

Ezekiel went on to say in that same verse: "It shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming fire shall not be quenched..." We desperately need to allow the Lord to ignite His "flaming flame" within us so the works of God can begin to move in and through us!

Once God has ignited our spirits, we can keep a hot, burning fire by going into the forest and gathering "logs" to feed our fires. These special "logs" are made of the wood of worship, praise, love, obedience, prayers, etc.

And while we are busy gathering these long-burning "logs" for our own fires, we should gather some for our brothers whose flames may be starting to quiver and burn low.

Let us come together and seek to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. His holy fire will keep the fire of our spirits burning bright and strong if we will just do our part and put on some "logs" of living and loving God!

Your brother in Christ, Ronnie Basden

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Speaking of "keeping the fire burning and of spreading it..." check these statistics that illustrate, (a) the influence of a father, and (b) the condition of men's hearts in America.

- ❑ 27 million children (40%) will go to bed tonight without a father in the home
- ❑ Over 80% of all drunk drivers and drug abusers are male
- ❑ Men represent 75% of all suicides
- ❑ 90% of homeless and runaway children come from fatherless homes
- ❑ Men commit 90% of all serious crimes
- ❑ 75% of children living in a fatherless home will experience poverty
- ❑ 26 million men go to church with very few serving as spiritual leaders in the home

KEEP YOUR FIRE BURNING!!!

North Carolina Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Recently Joe and I were out of town on a business trip for several days. On about the third day away from home, it occurred to me that we were missing the most beautiful time of the year at our house. We always look forward to the first week in April because that is when Ridgewood turns into a springtime showcase. You see, we live in the middle of a wooded area with many dogwood trees.

Now, the place we were visiting was not a bad site. We were in Orlando, Florida. The weather was beautiful, and flowers were blooming. We were staying at a lovely hotel with the best of service and good food. The people on the trip with us were all very congenial, and we even got to visit in the lovely lakeside home of some friends there. But from the time I thought about how beautiful it must be at home, I couldn't wait to get back. Before time to return, I was almost homesick.

We flew into to New Bern on a Tuesday afternoon, and the drive home only took a few minutes, but it seemed longer. I just wanted to get home. When we turned into our driveway, there was no disappointment. The beautiful white blossoms were at their peak, brightening the entire area. The azaleas blossoms, red, pink, and white, added a sea of glorious color around the house. The irises were beginning to bloom, and upon taking a walk around the house, I discovered a rosebud peeking through.

Our granddaughter, Sarah, and I were spending quality time together in the yard one afternoon last week. She has just learned to walk and was having a grand old time exploring the outdoors. It was interesting to me to watch her attraction to the beautiful color of the azalea bushes. Even at her young age, she seemed to recognize the beauty of the flowers. I enjoyed watching her as she touched them and found myself breaking off a little bouquet of the different colors for her to take inside. She held them to her little nose and smelled the sweet aroma they produced.

For about three to four weeks, weather permitting, these nature gifts from God bring us great enjoyment on an annual basis. I am not a great gardener. In fact, I do not have a green thumb at all. But somehow each spring the dogwoods and azaleas inspire me to head to the local garden center and purchase other plants that will bring color and beauty throughout the summer.

Today I notice that the blossoms are falling from the dogwood trees. Where they once were, beautiful vibrant green leaves are unfolding. The cycle continues. Before long now, it will be summer and then October. Those leaves will turn red and brown, and then the beautiful red berries will display themselves in their fall debut.

As I think about all this, I realize just how much I love the setting of our home. But I am also reminded of a far more beautiful home. I've never seen it, not even in a photograph. But I have read about it in God's Word. It sounds so inviting. Streets of Gold. Gates of Pearl. A beautiful River of Life. No weeds growing in the flower beds there. No need for Roundup!! No thorns, briars and thistles! The beauty of that city is not seasonal, but eternal. No storm clouds! There is no need for the sun, for Jesus is the light there.

Is it any wonder that we sometimes get a little homesick when we think about it!!

YOU ARX VXRY IMPORTANT ...

Xvxn though this typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxII, xxcxpt for onx kxy. You'd think that with all thx othxr kxys working, onx kxy would hardly bx noticxd. But just onx kxy out of whack sxxms to ruin thx wholx xffort.

Havx you xvxr said to yoursxlf, "I'm only onx pxrson. No onx will noticx if I don't do my bxst."

It doxs makx a diftxrxnce bxcausx, to bx xffxctivx, a family, an organization, a church or a buxinxss nxxds complxtx participation by xvxryonx to thx bxst of his or hxr ability.

So if you'rx having onx of thosx days whxn you think you just arxn't vxry important, and you'rx txmptxd to slack off, rxmxmbxr this old typxwritxr. You arx a kxy pxrson, and whxn you don't do your bxst, nothing xlsx around you works out thx way it's supposxd to.

Suggested Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you that I am very important to you and that my life matters. Help me to feel your love for me and in so doing, know in the depths of my heart that I am loved, needed and important. Gratefully in Jesus' name. Amen."

Scripture to Ponder:

"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely, 0 Lord. You hem me in – behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, 23-24 (NIV).

– Copied

Submitted by Sandra Britt
NC Conference Girls
Ministries Director

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS... NCWM RETREAT

Excitement filled the air as North Carolina ladies gathered at Founders Inn in Virginia Beach for the annual NC Women's Ministries Retreat on Friday, March 17. From all over the North Carolina Conference, they gathered for a time of worship and fellowship. They were not disappointed in either area. Praise and worship, led by Debs Nall and the Grace Family Fellowship P H Church Praise Team, was a beautiful time of sharing in song and adoration to the Lord. April Hardee's special music was anointed and ministered blessing to the ladies.

Mrs. Joyce Blease, former WM Director in the South Carolina Conference and a former member of the IPHC General WM Board, was the invited guest speaker. She ministered powerfully as she shared a message on Friday night that caused those present to examine what influences were "breathing" on them. She focused on the impact of surroundings and environment. Emphasis was placed on staying in the presence of Jesus so that His influence will be dominant and the stench of the world can be avoided. Her message was a reminder that in order to be effective for God, one must stay close to Him.

Mrs. Blease continued her theme, "Mobilized For Such A Time As This," in the Saturday morning session. She encouraged women to find their spiritual gifts and take an active role in ministry.

Another highlight of the convention was the Missionary Spotlight on Saturday morning. During this time, Christie Lea Baker shared her call to the mission field and her vision for the work in Africa to which she plans to go later this year. Following her presentation, a love offering was received to assist in her expenses.

The ladies also enjoyed the door prizes – an annual favorite. Friday night "hotel room" fellowship was, as always, a special time for the ladies to visit and share time and treats.

Many of them also took advantage of free time together to enjoy a "girls' day out" shopping spree.

Plans are already underway for the 2001 Retreat... Mark your calendars now for March16 and 17. Details will follow later.

In spite of her foot being in a cast and being confined to a wheelchair, Debs Nall did a wonderful job leading Praise and Worship from her stool. Debs also wrote a theme song for the retreat entitled "For Such A Time As This." Jim Gray, Minister of Music at Grace Family Fellowship in Robersonville, and the Praise Band accompanied.

April Hardee of St. Paul P H Church in Greenville ministered with special music.

Rev. Joyce Blease brought soul-stirring messages and led in closing prayer sessions.

Christie Lea Baker, itinerating missionary to Africa, shared her burden for the children of Africa and her plans for working with them.

A special treat ... Phyllis Harrell's sisters, Margie Pendleton and Edna Brown, joined her for a special trio treat to open the Saturday morning session. They came from South Carolina and California to be a part of the NCWM Retreat.

Mobilized for Mission

TOGETHER WE CAN

North Carolina Conference
Women's Ministries Convention

Saturday, June 10th
9:30 A.M.

Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle
Falcon NC

Registration ~ Refreshments ~ Show and Sell
Cafeteria from 8:30 to 9:30 A.M.

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Below is a most interesting article found in the beginning of the 1921 Manual. It is powerful! It is amazing what great things can be found in our Archives.

—D. Chris Thompson Archives Director

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS ARCHIVES

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable table for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction [discipline] in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

The Editor's Apology

Herewith we present to you the fourth edition of the Discipline of the Pentecostal Holiness Church published since the union of 1911, in which union The Fire-Baptized Holiness Church and the Pentecostal Holiness Church were made one. The first edition of said Discipline was printed in 1911; the second, in 1913; the third, 1917, and the fourth edition is issued in 1921.

During each quadrennium it is clearly seen that there are deficiencies and conflicts in our Discipline, and so each General Conference must make such changes, subtractions, and additions as it sees proper. These changes will continue to be made as long as we are an organization. In fact, the most important business of any General Conference is to make such changes. If any General Conference ever fails to make changes in the Discipline, it will indicate that the life and work of this church is waning. If we keep pace with God, we must progress, we will be forced to change our regulations to meet the demand of the day. So each General Conference will make its changes in the Discipline.

It is impossible for the law-making body of any organization to make at one time all laws necessary for the future. Our national and state legislatures are continually making new laws and revising the old ones. The church must do the same. Also our national and state legislative bodies find it impossible to avoid certain conflicts of their laws. These conflicts are not seen at the time the law is made; if they were, they would be eliminated. It is left with the judicial branch of the government to interpret these laws, and to adjust the conflicts. In like manner, you may find some conflicts in this edition of our discipline; but I was not the purpose of the members of our General Conference to have it so, neither was it in the purpose of the committee men who drafted the most of the changes and editions. Just the opposite was the aid of all concerned.

Inasmuch as I was chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, I can say that it was not the purpose of the Committee to enact a law that would prevent any person in the church filling an office or performing a service to which God and the church would call him. We endeavored to arrange all matters of membership in such a way that any and all persons could serve in any capacity that should be desired of them; and yet we sought to avoid conflicts in authority by forbidding any one person to hold full membership in any two bodies, etc., if they should find a conflict in the Discipline, to endeavor to interpret according to the spirit rather than the letter of the law. "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life."

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!

I am always so amazed and thrilled when the Lord answers prayer. In December in the Christmas letter, I mentioned a prayer request for snow this past winter. WOW– Did the Lord answer that prayer! Please note the nine inches surrounding our home! Betty and I were ecstatic. He even gives us the desires of our heart.

Snow 2000

CHURCH PLANTER'S SCHOOL

Evangelism USA sponsored four Church Planting Schools this spring. They were in Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta, and Los Angles. The N.C. Conference had five potential church planters attending one of these events. Al Marks attended the Philadelphia event. Al is working to plant a church in Northwest Cary. Wayne Stanbery, Tim Watson, Ray Faircloth, and Lydia Figueroa are scheduled to attend the training in Atlanta. Lydia is working with a new church in Fayetteville. Wayne is considering planting a church on the outer banks. Tim and Ray are considering mothering new churches from their congregations.

The *Evangel* readers are urged to pray for these "special" individuals.

Rev. Gabriel Rodriquez – Class 1

HISPANIC TRAINING

Your Evangelism Ministries is hosting training approximately every two months for our Hispanic ministers. The training is going very well. Normally the schedule includes Friday night and all day Saturday. Various teachers are used, with our own John Parker as the cornerstone. Normally thirty-five to forty attend. This training is imperative for the growth of the Hispanic churches and the credentialing of the Hispanic ministers. (Note the pictures.) The next training is May 26-27 with missionary Linwood Berry as the instructor.

Rev. John Parker – Class 2

WORLD MISSIONS HOMES

The North Carolina Conference is blessed with three homes that are used extensively for itinerating missionaries. They are the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home in Falcon, the J. H. King/A. E. Robinson Home in Falcon, and the Jackie Wilson Home in Clinton. Two of the homes are privately owned (King and Wilson). The Evans home is owned by World Missions Ministries in Oklahoma City, but managed by the N.C. Conference Missions Ministries.

These homes have been a real blessing to itinerating missionaries and those on furlough. The homes are completely furnished (that means everything even dishes, towels, etc.). They are offered to missionaries rent free. The missionaries are responsible for the utilities.

The homes are nearly always occupied. Presently the homes have these occupants:

- Evans Home – Ron & Sharon Wooten (moving shortly)
- King-Robinson Home – Mike & Jennifer Oliver
- Wilson Home – Ron and Phyllis Roy

Later this year, Steve and Betsie Cofer and Linwood and Nancy Berry will be using two of the homes. The Olivers will be here until late this year.

Funds are being raised now for the annual operation of the homes. In between missionaries, there are utility cots for all of the homes. Repair work is done for the King-Robinson and Wilson homes by owners. Praise the Lord! Funds have to be raised for repair to the Evans home. The annual operational budget needed is a minimum of $2,500.00.

Presently several thousand dollars ($5,000.00 to $7,000.00) is needed to finish a storage building, new carpet, and refinish the kitchen cabinets at the Evans home. This is much needed work but can only be done as funds are available.

Offerings can be made to N.C. Conference Missions and earmarked missions homes - attention Chris Thompson. Please identify correctly your church in order to receive proper credit. Note the following pictures!

Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home

Jackie Wilson Missions Home

J. H. King / A. E. Robinson Missions Home

2000 "GO" Offering

Churches and individuals are working very diligently to raise funds for the 2000 "GO" Offering. The regular goal is $235,000.00. The miracle goal is $250,000.00. (One hundred years ago in the first year of Falcon Camp Meeting $250.00 was given for World Evangelism. It seems right that 100 years later some $250,000.00 should be given to start a second century.)

A "special" key ring is available to those adults who give a day's wage or to children who fill at least two coin folders. All promotional supplies are available at Falcon.

David Wheeler
Church Education
Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

North Carolina Conference Talent Winners, 2000

Junior

(April 1, 2000)

Vocal Solo Female: Katie Tyndall, Peniel
Vocal Ensemble I: Mt. Carmel Junior Duet
Vocal Ensemble Ill: Mt. Carmel Jr. Choir
Inst: Solo wind: Tahj Harris, Gospel Tab.
Indef Pitch Percuss: Darren Coleman, The Capital

Inst. Ensemble I: Mt. Carmel Jr. Ensemble
Inst. Emsemble III: His Majesty's Best, Chadbourn

Keyboard Solo: Aaron McCauley, Gospel Tab.

Interpretive Dance lndiv.: Emily Wilson, Clinton
Drama Audible lndiv.: Lindsay Gaddis, Gospel Tab.
Inaudible Pant. W/o Vocals 2/more: Nthwood Temple
Inaudible Pant. W/vocals 2/more: Mt. Carmel

Creative Arts Painting: Tollie Ann Spain, Grace Fly Fell.
Creative Arts Three-Dim: Michael Skinner, Chadbourn
Creative Arts Fabricated Art: Robert Sessoms, Peniel
Crea. Wting Fiction: Amber Shaeffer, Harvest Fell.

Vocal Solo Male: Samuel Wall, Chadbourn
Vocal Ensemble II: Northwood Temple Jr.

Inst: Solo Strings: Nathan Tew, Gospel Tab.

Inst. Ensemble II: Clinton First Jr. Ensemble

Keyboard Ens.: Westview Ensemble

Interpretive Dance 2/more: The Capital
Drama Audible 2/more: Northwood Temple
Inaud Pant. W/voc lndiv.: Afton Roof, Grace Ch.

Creative Arts Graphics: Ashley Taylor, Peniel
Creative Arts Pho'phy: Rachel Flowers, Reelsboro

Teen

(April 8, 2000)

Vocal Solo Female: Melissa Faircloth, St. Pauls
Vocal Ensemble I: Northwood Temple Quartet
Vocal Ensemble III: Youth In Covenant, Stedman

Inst: Solo Wind: Kevin Smith, Family Life Tab.
Indef Pitch Percuss: Josh Harrison, The First

Inst. Ensemble I: Maranatha Inst. Duet
Keyboard Solo: Matt Coleman, The Capital

Speech: Christopher Graves, Mt. Carmel
Interpretive Dance 2/more: Lifeline Drama, The Cap.
Inaudible Mime 2/more: Lifeline Drama, The Cap.
Inaudible Pant. W/o Vocals 2/more: The First
Inaudible Pant. W/vocals 2/more: Destined, St. Pauls

Creative Arts Painting: Jessica Herrin, Hope Mills
Creative Arts Three-Dim: Melissa Whitman, The First
Creative Arts Fabricated: Rebecca Whitman, The First

Crea. Wrting Fiction: Shannon Eubanks, The First

Vocal Solo Male: Ryan Barbato, The First
Vocal Ensemble II: Mount Carmel Ensemble

Inst: Solo Strings: Jonathan Johnson, Moore's Chpl.

Inst. Ensemble II: Peniel Inst. Ensemble
Keyboard Ens.: Northwood Temple

Interp. Dance Indiv.: Candace Pittman, The Capital
Drama Audible lndiv.: Jennifer UpChurch, Grace Ch.
Drama Audible 2/more: Mt Carmel
Inaudible Pant. W/vocals lndiv.: Tiffany Ward, The Cap.

Creative Arts Graphics: Alec Sprinkle, The Capital
Creative Arts Pho'phy: Bryan Overfby, Moores Chpt

Crea. Wrting Poetry: Rebecca Whitman, The First

2000 FALCON YOUTH CAMP
APPLICATION AND HEALTH INFORMATION

Senior Week (Ages 13 – 18) ❑ (June 18 – 22)

Junior Week (Ages 10 – 12) ❑ (June 25 – 29)

Primary Week (Ages 7 – 9) ❑ (Jul 2 – July 6)

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip Code

Telephone: Home ( ) _____ Office ( ) _____ Other ( ) _____

Family's Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Are you in good health? ❑ yes ❑ no If you have any special physical or medical needs, provide information on back.

Are you allergic to any medication? ❑ yes ❑ no If yes, what? _____

Do you take medication for any condition? ❑ yes ❑ no If yes, what? _____

When did you last have a Tetanus (lockjaw) toxoid? _____ (It is recommended that this be within the last year.)

What is your t-shirt size? ❑ S ❑ M ❑ L ❑ XL ❑ XXL ❑ XXXL ❑ XXXXL

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I will be responsible for any and all property damaged by my child when he/she is at camp. I also understand that the Church Education Ministries provides secondary insurance coverage. The Department will not be held liable for any expenses beyond those covered by insurance. In case of a simple accident or illness, the Camp Director may make necessary arrangements for treatment. If the accident or illness is serious, I request the Camp Director to contact me immediately, but grant permission for the licensed physician or medical facility selected by the Director to take all necessary steps to insure my child's health.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to our on-going campus renovation project, it may be necessary to house some campers off premises this year. They will be transported no more than 10 miles each way via bus driven by a person with a CDL (fully covered by insurance while in transit), and they will be thoroughly chaperoned at all times. Do you give permission for your child to be housed off campus if necessary? ❑ yes ❑ no

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Relationship to Camper _____

Name of Church: _____ Scholarship Camper? ❑ yes ❑ no

TUITION FEE SCHEDULE

$80.00 On or before May 19, 2000 **$90.00 On or after May 19, 2000**

$100.00 WALK-ON REGISTRATION!

ATTENTION!

The camp is subject to severe housing restrictions. ***All spaces will be filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis.*** Being entitled to a scholarship will ***not*** insure applicant of a space. Register early both to save money and to be sure of getting in.

NOTE: *Refund requests will be processed **after** the close of the third week of camp – and refunds will be granted only if another camper fills the vacancy.*

***Only "Early Bird" registrants (on or before May 19, 2000) will be considered for room preferences. If this applies to you, with whom would you like to share a room?**

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Celebrate Father's Day!

June 18, 2000

"Lead me in thy truth, and teach me..."

Psalm 25:5

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

2000 FALCON CAMP MEETING

July 16 - 23, 2000

Culbreth Auditorium

Falcon, North Carolina

Falcon Camp Meeting is believed to be the oldest continuous Pentecostal Camp Meeting. It began in the fires of the Holiness revival in 1900.

The Camp Meeting is managed by the Superintendent and the North Carolina Conference Board of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Camp Meeting is supported and financed by the Falcon Camp Meeting Association. Presently, the campus is undergoing a major renovation. Contributions to this endeavor are urgently needed.

Anyone may join the Camp Meeting Association by completing an envelope at the Camp Meeting or mailing his name and address and $5.00 dues to Falcon Camp Meeting Association, P.O. Box 59, Falcon, N. C. 28342-0059

GUEST SPEAKERS

Reverend M. Donald Duncan

Assistant General Superintendent, Vice Chairman, Executive Director of World Missions Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Dr. Doug Beacham

Superintendent of the Georgia Conference, Member of the General Executive Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church representing the Southeastern Zone.

Other Camp Meeting Personnel

Campus Assistants	–	North Carolina Conference Board
Music Director	–	Rev. Wiley Hughes
Pianist	–	Ms. Dolores Reynolds
Organist	–	Rev. David Robertson

Rooms Available

$10.00 per night - additional $2.00 per person for three or more to the room. Dolores Reynolds should be contacted for reservations at 910-980-1162.

Meals

Meals will be available on campus in the cafeteria. The canteen will be open after the evening services. Special picnic facilities will be available for Sunday, July 23. We encourage participation.

Special Note

Continuing Education Units

Continuing Education units will be awarded to ministers who attend the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. classes and mid-term conference session. A minimum of one credit will be offered for each session.

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CAMP MEETING
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 16

6:30 p.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan

Monday, July 17

9:30 a.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7: 30 p.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham

Tuesday, July 18

9:30 a.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan

Wednesday, July 19

9:30 a.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan
12:30 p.m.	Full-Time Evangelists Luncheon
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham

Thursday, July 20

9:30 a.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham
12:30 p.m.	Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan

Friday, July 21

9:00 a.m.	Conference Session Rev. Donald Duncan, Presiding Officer
2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service
4:30 p.m.	Ministers' Wives Fellowship
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham

Saturday, July 22

9:30 a.m.	Rev. Donald Duncan
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Youth Emphasis Director, David Wheeler Message: Jeff Steinberg

Sunday, July 23

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Rev. David Wheeler, Director Church Education Ministries will teach
10:30 a.m.	Dr. Doug Beacham
3:00 p.m.	Singspiration – Rev. Wiley Hughes
5:00 p.m.	World Evangelism Emphasis Director Chris Thompson Message: Rev. M. Donald Duncan

Superannuated Birthdays for June

Rev. Thad White	June 1
Rev. L. B. Collins	June 4
Rev. John Parker	June 5
Rev. John Slye	June 9
Rev. Haywood Price	June 11
Rev. Lalleon Narron	June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfield	June 29

CHURCH NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. John R. Stead

John R. Stead, missionary, joined the North Carolina Conference in 1965. He and his dear wife, Gladys, served this Church and our Lord in a commendable manner throughout their years. I praise the Lord for giving them to us to co-labor in ministry. Brother Stead is now at home with our Lord. The following paragraphs are excerpts from his eulogy.

- T. Elwood Long

WHITE ZULU

J. R. "Jack" Stead

Jack, as he was affectionately called, was born and raised on a farm in Thornville Junction, Natal. Growing up on the farm, he learned to speak Zulu as fluently as he spoke English. This knowledge acquired as a young boy ideally equipped him for his missionary activity and earned him the affectionate title of "White Zulu."

At school, Jack studied accounting, and during the Depression took the only job he could find in a remote African reserve working for a trading store. The Afrikaans manager was a devout Pentecostal Christian who had a great burden to see the black people saved. Here Jack learned to love the black people and would accompany this manager on missionary trips, often at night carrying a paraffin lantern.

He was eventually inducted as a pastor of a small church in a very poor area of town. The war interrupted Jack's missionary work. Before leaving for active service in 1940, he married Gladys, his lifelong helpmeet and sweetheart.

On his return from service, he found that the black church had joined the Pentecostal Holiness mission, and after studying their doctrines, joined them, and he and Gladys were appointed missionaries in 1945. When a young man took over the white church, Jack was free to serve full time.

Opportunities opened up for Mozambique to Capetown with Zulu, Xhosa, Indian, and mixed race people added to the church. There was a great need for church buildings. Jack either built, or helped to build, fourteen church buildings and three parsonages. He had to trust God for the finances and learned not to limit God. These were busy years for the Steads, and God used them to help establish the work in Africa.

The Steads retired from active missionary status on October 1, 1977. When he retired, he was carried to the church on a motor cavalcade through the streets of KwaMashu with even the heathen men calling out "Bayete Nkosi" (Hail to the Chief). His brother noted this was the only time he had ever heard this royal title being given to a white man. What a send off!

The Steads retired to New Zealand and remained active in their local church. He also felt the Lord had called him into a ministry of prayer. For many years, he rose at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning to pray until breakfast. He interceded for his family, the missionaries, the local church; his life was endless.

He had been in poor health for some time and was staying in a hospice. Jack Stead was called home on March 2, 2000. His faithful wife, Gladys, and three children survive him: Joan, Ivan, and Merrill.

Bro. Stead's son-in-law, John, gave the following testimony of Brother Stead's departure into the throne room of heaven:

"Jack passed into the immediate presence of his Lord, and this mortal put on immortality. Suffering has ended and glory has begun. Dad had not been able to speak for some days, but yesterday, he startled us by shouting out 'Hallelujah' – his last word."

What a welcome he must have had in glory – all the African brethren who had gone before, the hosts of heaven, and best of all the Master's "Well done, you good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord!"

BIG DEAL FOR MEN

There is a book called *The Man In The Mirror* that would be of significant value to the men in your church. It addresses **"solving the 24 problems men face."** Here's the deal...if your men's leadership will send $14.50, which is the cost of the postage, *Man In The Mirror* will send you "free" a case of 50 books.

Here's the recommendation. Perhaps you would like to give these to your men for **Laymen's Sunday** (June 11) or **Father's Day** (June 18). Orders must be received by May 7 for May 31 delivery.

Mail to: MAN IN THE MIRROR, 180 Wilshire Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32708. Call Men's Ministries if you need additional information (910) 323-4777.

SPECIAL EVENT

On Saturday, August 26, fifty thousand pastors and lay persons across the United States and Canada will spend the day in leadership training with John Maxwell. Two hundred fifty host churches across the nation will make the day available to all other churches in their region via satellite. The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro has been selected as one of the two hundred fifty churches, from among eighteen hundred churches that applied, to serve as a host church for the event.

John Maxwell will be in Goldsboro via satellite for the Lay Ministry 2000 Simulcast. Pastors, this Lay Ministry Simulcast will not only build your people's respect for pastoral ministry and increase their appreciation for you, but it will also enhance their commitment and skills in leadership resulting in increased momentum for ministry in your church.

Each pastor and church is urged to respond today, if you have not already done so, to the invitation from Host Pastor Jim Whitfield to come to this history-making event and bring as many people with you as possible.

For more information, please call the church offices at 919-734-2675 or 919-734-4660 or Fax: 919-734-2893

In the bonds of ministry,
Jim Whitfield
Senior Pastor

THANK YOU

Pastor H. Ray Ward went home to be with our Lord in December 1999. His dear wife, Leota, sends the following note of appreciation to all of us.

Dear Brother Long, Conference Board & Conference, pastors and churches.

I cannot express how I felt when I opened the letter with the check in it. Thank you so much. This check will make my burdens so much lighter.

I am going back to school, so I have been rather busy, which has been good for me.

I miss Ray, but I know he is in a better place. Thanks again for everything!!!

With love and prayers,
Leota

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SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

"Where Are the Warriors?"

As we look into our schools, neighborhoods, and homes, we should seriously ask ourselves, "where are the Warriors?" A warrior is brave-hearted and courageous. He is a man not afraid to take a stand in the face of danger, physical or spiritual

We all need to be warriors for Christ, but I believe before a man can be a true warrior, he first must be a true disciple of Christ. Being a disciple should be the most important position that we hold as a Christian man.

John 8:31 says, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." Also in John 13:35, Jesus says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"

If we will commit ourselves to becoming the disciples of Christ that He has called us to be, then we will be able to be the kind of warriors we need to be.

As committed disciples and warriors of Christ, we together can change the terrible evils that plague our communities today. And we would no longer have to wonder... "Where Are the Warriors?"

Your brother in Christ,
Ronnie Basden

☞ North Carolina Men's Fall Advance

Date:	**September 15-16**
Location:	**Falcon Conference Training Center**
Theme:	**"The Vision of a Mighty Man"**
Speaker:	**Bishop James Leggett**
Expect:	**Worship, fellowship, prayer, singing, and a great time!**
Details:	**Will be mailed out in June...or Call (910) 323-4777**

Calendar Dates to Remember!

July 11	—	Laymen's Sunday
June 18	—	Father's Day
July	—	"Men of Action Month" (Do you have a project planned?)
August	—	"Friendship Evangelism Month" (Are we trained and ready to offer Christ?)

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

The words from a song I learned in high school glee club come to mind today.

"No man is an island, No man stands alone,
Each man's joy is joy to me, Each man's grief is my own
We need one another, so I will defend
Each man as my brother each man as my friend."

That's been forty years ago, but many times these words have risen up in my spirit.

I recently counseled with someone who, after pouring her heart out to me, told me that she didn't have a single friend she could talk to about a very serious situation in her life. She admitted that because of a past experience of a friend betraying her confidence, she had withdrawn herself from sharing with people. When she made that statement, I saw an island...I saw a woman standing alone. Perhaps she could have shared her joy with someone, but there was no friend available to her to share in her grief. As a result of this, she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

I never remember being without friends. As a child, my first cousin was my bosom buddy. We shared everything...nothing held back! She is still my friend today. When I started school, my friendships expanded. Some of my classmates are still my close friends and confidantes. In college, my world enlarged even more; and I was blessed to add more friendships. Over the years, through my church work and public life, my roster of friends has grown tremendously.

One friend in particular is my WM Director, Joy Bowers. Joy came to our community to teach in the late '60s. She won the heart of the school principal, and they married. Having grown up in the Greenville First Pentecostal Holiness Church, she and Richard started attending Holly Hill when they moved to Vanceboro. Immediately, Joy became my friend. Through the years since then, she has been my prayer partner. It's amazing how many times we can almost know what is going on with one another without a word spoken.

For many years, our Women's Ministries has participated in the Sharing Sister program. (Anyone remember when it was Secret Pal?) Each year in December we draw names to assign ourselves a Sharing Sister. Throughout the year, we make an effort to spend time together, to share and to remember special events in our lives. But we also commit to pray for each other as well.

Several of the ladies who have been my sharing sisters over the years are now in Heaven. One now lives in Connecticut. Some are still active at Holly Hill. But all of them hold special places in my heart...Because I have had an opportunity to share in their lives.

If your WM doesn't practice the Sharing Sister concept, encourage them to do so. You'll be blessed with the results. After all, NO WOMAN IS AN ISLAND. No woman should have to stand alone. It is not healthy for any of us to live unto ourselves. We must share in the joys and help bear the grief of each other.

What a beautiful world it would be if the Sharing Sister concept prevailed!

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT RALLY

Five churches were represented at the District Women's Ministries Rally held on April 14, 2000, at Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City, NC. After a stirring time of corporate praise and worship, a women's trio blessed us with two selections which reminded us of Christ's life, ministry, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and soon return.

Mrs. Sylvia Ward, guest speaker for Morehead City District Rally, enjoys fellowship time following the service.

Mrs. Sylvia Ward from Tarboro, NC, was the guest speaker. In her message, *"Going the Extra Mile,"* Mrs. Ward presented several steps to consider that would make our own day-to-day ministries more effective. First, she instructed us to "STOP in the name of the Lord and seek His face" as great patriarchs, such as Noah and Abraham, did. Second, she encouraged us to "LOOK into God's Word for direction" as we prepared to enter the fields that are white with harvest — the awaiting harvest of the souls of men. Next, she admonished us to "LISTEN to the voice of the Holy Spirit" for instructions as to God's will for us in ministry. Last, she advised us to "GO wherever and whenever God instructed us" — always portraying the love of Jesus in every situation.

Mrs. Ward also reminded us, as women, where our priorities in ministry should be. Our first priority should be the worship of our Creator. Our second priority should be seeing to the needs of those in our own homes and families. Our third priority should be a loving and supporting ministry to those in our communities. Mrs. Ward expounded further by helping us to see that our day-to-day ministering could involve some quite simple acts, such as:

A thinking-of-you card sent to a discouraged Christian,

continued on next page

an afternoon visit to sit with a sick friend, taking an elderly person to the grocery story, baking an extra pie for someone, or giving an extra dollar to a helpful waitress. Mrs. Ward said that we might not all be called to some foreign mission field, but we are all "laborers together with Christ" and need to be faithful wherever we serve. Her final challenging question was, "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

Mrs. Ward's message was an especially appropriate pre-Easter message in that we were all reminded that Jesus, the crucified Savior, was willing to go the extra mile for fallen man. Subsequently, we asked ourselves if we were willing to go the extra mile for our fellow man.

From the first stanza of "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" to the last admonition to "go the extra mile 'til Jesus comes," the evening was filled with an unforgettable spirit of worship, an air of introspection, and the stirring call to serve others where we are — "going the extra mile."

—Submitted by Sharon Martin
Morehead City District WM Director

SHARING SISTERS – A GREAT SUCCESS

A time of prayer, praise and fellowship of the saints took place on April 2, 2000, at Thomas Chapel P.H Church, Henderson NC. The Women's Ministries of Thomas Chapel and Sharing Sisters from the New Covenant Church met together to celebrate Jesus.

Rocky Mount District WM Director Carol Davis was guest speaker. Not only did the ladies of New Covenant Church and Thomas Chapel Church attend, but they invited their husbands as well.

Thomas Chapel provided the music for a time of praise and worship, and the Holy Spirit did the rest.

Sister Carol blessed us in song and by bringing the Word of God. The Spirit began to move strongly as she began to sing *"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place."* There truly was a sweet spirit in the service that night.

Sister Carol gave us a powerful word on Deborah. She brought out how God may call us out of our comfort zone just as he did with Deborah. In Judges Chapter 4, Deborah demonstrates the possibilities for any woman today who will allow the Sprit of the Lord to fill and form her life and develop her full potential to shape the world around her. As Deborah was willing to allow God to use her as a prophetess, a judge and a commander in the Army of Israel, we women of the Lord must also be willing to allow God to use us in whatever ministry He has in store for us.

At the closing of the service, Sister Carol asked all the ladies to go to the front. She asked Pastor TP Davis of Vaughan's Chapel, Pastor Vince Moore of Thomas Chapel, and Pastor Marc Swanner of New Covenant to pray for each lady and release her into ministry. The Spirit of the Lord moved in a great and mighty way during this prayer time.

Afterward the ladies of Thomas Chapel and New Covenant Church prepared a delicious meal. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and worship.

One thing can truly be said of our Sharing Sister meeting. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

— Submitted by Susie Moore
Thomas Chapel PH Church Pastor's Wife

June is Sharing Sister Month

The "Sharing Sisters Program" was birthed in the early '60s. Bernice Arthur proposed the plan and became the first General Promoter.

The "Sharing Sisters Program" is still active today. It fosters Christian fellowship and offers an opportunity to make new friends.

STRAWBERRY PUDDING IS YUMMY ...

One special bonus in the role of NCWM Director is to get to visit in so many of the churches for WM Days, rallies and such where our women serve the most delicious dishes. One such occasion was a recent Goldsboro District WM Rally (more on the details next month). Bonnie Outlaw (The First Church in Goldsboro) made the most delicious Strawberry Pudding, and she was kind enough to share her recipe with me. Bonnie, hope you won't mind my sharing it with all our ladies. Maybe I'll run into it again when another lady makes it. It is delicious.

1 quart strawberries
½ cup sugar
1 small package Strawberry Jello

Mix and heat (on low heat) above ingredients long enough for sugar to melt. Let sit until cool. Drain.

2 small packages vanilla instant pudding
3 cups milk
1 cup sour cream
¾ of large container of Cool Whip

Mix pudding & milk. Fold in sour cream and Cool Whip. Layer vanilla wafers, pudding mixture & drained strawberries. Layer again and top with remainder of Cool Whip. Keep refrigerated until time to serve.

REMEMBER

- Your missionaries are depending on your support. Help them to enjoy Christmas by participating in the CHRISTMAS MISSIONS FUND. Send your love gift to Patsy Deese, 1303 Cedarwood Village, Morehead City NC 28557, by August 31. She will in turn forward it to General WM in time for missionaries to receive it by Christmas.
- FEAST OF INGATHERING OFFERINGS for our church-supported colleges will be received during the Fall round of district conferences. Watch for the places, dates and times. Work toward an increase this year, and remember you can double your dollars with the Matching Fund program.
- FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME HARVEST TRAIN rolls in on November 21. Each local church should have a visible means of collecting commodities for FCH. Promote this event and take your commodities and offerings to Falcon where you will enjoy being a part of the annual gala.

FEAST OF INGATHERING BUS TRIP

Wanna Go? Leave Sunday, October 8 and return Tuesday, October 10. Attend the Feast of Ingathering at Emmanuel College and Holmes Bible College. Shopping trip to Commerce Factory Outlet. Interested? Call Phyllis Harrell at 919-851-8712 for details.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

NEW CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Danny and Cynthia Gurganus

It is a privilege to announce a new Conference Evangelist. Rev. Danny Gurganus of Edenton has been appointed, effective July 1, 2000. Brother Gurganus is an effective pastor and preacher of the Word. He will do well as a Conference Evangelist.

Brother Gurganus came into the N.C. Conference in 1981. In December of that year, he began a work north of Edenton, N.C. There were seven people present in a store-front mission. This was the beginning of the Faith Church.

Since that early beginning, the church has grown to an average attendance of well over one hundred. A beautiful church and fellowship hall have been built, debt free. To God be the glory.

In addition to pastoring, Brother Gurganus has preached many revivals. He has been well received by the churches. Souls have been saved.

Brother Gurganus is married. He and his wife Cynthia have two children.

Evangelist Gurganus is in the process of filling his late summer and fall schedule. He may be reached at 252-221-2160.

The N.C. Conference has two other full-time Conference Evangelists. They are Rev. Terry Whittenton of Dunn and Rev. Paul Jackson of Greenville, NC.

N. C. Conference Evangelists' Criteria

1. The evangelist shall be an ordained member of the N.C. Conference in good standing.
2. The evangelist shall consider his primary occupation as that of "full time evangelist."
3. The evangelist shalt conduct at least twenty-six revivals per year - 13 of which shall be within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference.
4. The evangelist shall report in a manner as directed by the Director and Evangelism Board.
5. The evangelist must be approved by the North Carolina Evangelism Board
6. The evangelist shall submit a written revival schedule each quarter in advance to the Director.
7. The evangelist must present the ministries of the Conference in a positive manner to the churches.
8. The evangelist must have been a member of the Conference for at least one year before application can be made.

2000 GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING

Progress is being made in receiving the 2000 Global Outreach Offering. Coin folders and Day's Wage folders have been distributed. Prayers have been offered. Pastors, local missions directors, and committee members are working to challenge each local church. Goals are in place. May they be reached!

The N.C. Conference goal is $235,000.00. A miracle goal of $250,000.00 has also been set. One hundred years ago at the beginning of Falcon Camp Meeting, a World Evangelism offering of $250.00 was given by J. A. Culbreth, the founder of the camp meeting. It just seems right that one hundred years later that as the conference begins a second century, the offering should be **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND.**

"You are the Key" Key rings are being offered to each adult who gives a Day's Wage and to each child who fills at least two coin folders. The key chains are available at the Conference Office. Contact Secretary Rose Nelson.

The "GO" Offering is a crucial offering for the expansion of world missions and the planting of new churches. 75% goes to World Missions and 25% to Evangelism USA. Funds are used for promotion costs, Antioch grants, missionary deficits, special projects, and church planting in the U.S.A.

2000 PROJECT ANTIOCH GRANTS

Addis Ahaba, Ethiopia

Funds will help purchase land or a building to use as a worship center and the government required headquarters. Being in the capital city will give us access to all the tribes who are living and working there.

Brussels, Belgium

Capital of Europe - now experiencing revival. We are in the process of purchasing a building that will seat 1,000. Funds will help with the down payment, notary fees, and expenses for obtaining proper zoning.

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Funds will purchase a building with adequate space for worship, congregational growth, a training center, and offices.

Perth, Australia

Funds will be made available toward the purchase and development of a facility which will accommodate several facets of ministry.

The Evangelism USA projects are:

Chicago, Illinois
New York City, New York
Washington, D.C.
Los Angeles, California

The annual "GO" Offering Sunday is July 9. This is a special day designated for prayer for World Evangelism. It is the target Sunday to complete receiving the 2000 offering. (If this is not a convenient Sunday, then July 16 is an alternate Sunday).

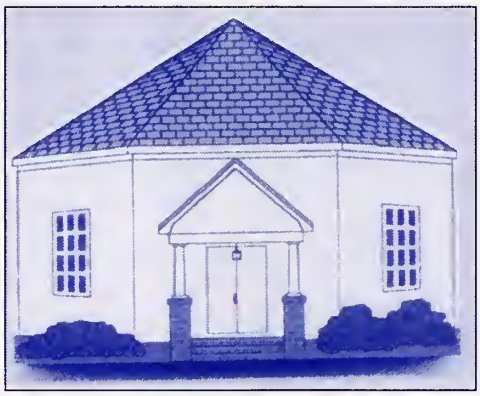
All funds are requested to be in the Conference office by Tuesday, July 18. This allows for the printing of the bulletin for the Camp Meeting World Evangelism Service, July 23. Our hope and prayer is to celebrate victory in that service. The ultimate goal is 100% participation from each church. (Churches that will not be able to collect their funds by July 23 should send in their pledge amounts.)

TOGETHER, WITH THE LORD'S ANOINTING, WE CAN REACH THE MIRACLE GOAL!

A NEW PIANO

The Octagon Tabernacle has a new piano thanks to Rev. Ray Faircloth of the Saint Pauls Church. The piano was built during the same time period as the Little Tabernacle. It is not only beautiful, but it sounds great. Thank you, Ray Faircloth, and family.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE



2nd Edition Replicas of the Octagon Tabernacle are available at a cost of $50.00 each. (These are slightly different from the 100th anniversary replicas.)

These are note cards available at the N.C. Conference Office. They are $5.00 per box.

In addition, 11" x 14" prints are of the J. A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Auditorium are available for $25.00 each.

Profits from the sale of these items will be used to place Historical Names Plaques on each of the buildings in Falcon.

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

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Some Timely Reminders

By the time you read this, we will probably be well into the Youth Camp season. Be in prayer for the youth of YOUR conference as they have fun, make new friends, and receive ministry.

Our official Conference Missions Trip this year is to Chicago, IL, July 7-14. Be praying for our youth as they minister there. When they return, we will feature their testimonies on this page.

Royal Rangers Pow Wow is July 27-29 at Camp Bowers. The theme is "hillbillies."

Our special guest speaker this year at Youth Night of Falcon Camp Meeting is Jeff Steinberg, the "Tiny Giant" who is truly a "Masterpiece in Progress." Born with a condition called "Phocomelia," probably caused by some medication prescribed for his mother during pregnancy, Jeff was born with tiny scissored legs and only one tiny stump of an arm. He spent his first years in a welfare center and Shriner's hospital where he learned to walk, feed himself with a hook, and fight for survival.

He might have spent the rest of his life in a home for the severely disabled, but God had other plans! Pat Boone said, "His story is an inspiring demonstration of the eternal and invincible nature of God's Spirit in each of us." Joni Eareckson Tada said, "Tough and tenacious, Jeff Steinberg is a survivor. His masterpiece is still in progress." Zig Ziglar wrote, "Jeff teaches how to make it on grit, gumption, God, and an indomitable will."

Married with one son, Jeff is a minister with the Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Finally, will you indulge me a personal note? My son Paul Wheeler and Michelle Chavis of Stanley, NC, were married on May 6, 2000, at the pavilion at Franklin Springs in a private ceremony. Faye and I are happy to welcome this beautiful lady into our family.

Youth Quest 2000- Destination Daytona!

Site: Adam's Mark Daytona Beach Resort, Daytona Beach, Florida

Speakers: Randy White, Without Walls International Church;
Clint Brown, Faith World Center
Michael Knight, IPHC National Youth Director

Praise and Worship led by Sam Shelton and Redemption Outreach Worship Band
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T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Stewart Memorial Library

I have had a deep love and respect for Reverend R. M. Stewart for many years. I first remember him and his lovely wife Annie Laura from their early days in the pastorate at Mill Street Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. I was a teenager beginning in ministry at what was then the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Rocky Mount, (now Living Faith). He impressed me then as a man of sterling character, devout Christian practice, and a devoted husband and pastor. He has been an avid student of the Word, a prolific Bible teacher, and an expert at selection of quality reading material for many years. Just to walk into his personal ministerial library was like stepping into another world of literary excellence.

Brother "Marshall" Stewart had roots in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He served for many years as pastor of our sister body; The Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church. Most of those years he served the Black Jack Church near Greenville, North Carolina.

Some months after Brother Stewart's homegoing in February 1999, his family donated the vast majority of his library to the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The ministry of this great man can now live on in the lives of those who come to the campus to study. Twelve thousand, one hundred and five (12,105) volumes are available for "in-house" scanning and perusal.

The R. M. Stewart Ministerial Library will be officially dedicated at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2000, during the Falcon Camp Meeting. This lasting tribute to this man of God who truly a Disciple, Husband, Father, Preacher and Lover of the Word and books is housed in the Resource Development Center of the North Carolina Conference at the corner of West Street and Fayetteville Road in Falcon.

The dedication will take place in the Resource Development Center.

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Services nightly

Weeknights - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday mornings
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Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Leading the service - Reverend Bobby Williams, pastor Kinston First
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Superannuate Birthdays for July

Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker	July 1
Rev. Sherrill Pope	July 4
Rev. M.R.Britton	July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall	July 19
Rev. Mrs. Betty Dowdy	July 21
Rev. Ezra Fann	July 21
Rev. Jesse Parson	July 27

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

Effective Pastoring: Giving Vision, Direction and Care to Your Church. By Bill Lawrence. Nashville; Word publishing, 1999. 257pp. $21.99

Effective. This word seems to be the most recent buzz-word concerning ministry that writers of journal articles and authors are using these days. Whether it is the "Effective Pastor," or the "Effective Minister of Education," or the "Effective Evangelistic Churches," or "Maximizing Your Effectiveness," becoming effective (able, convincing, adequate, proficient, productive, or serviceable) appears to be a great concept for hungry and industrious ministers and laypeople alike who desire to please God in all things.

Effective may be defined as having power to produce a specified effect, powerful, serviceable, not merely nominal. Any minister or layperson worth his or her salt wants to be effective in ministry. Lawrence, an experienced Pastor and an instructor of Pastors for the last twenty years, answers many practical questions such as: What are the essential ingredients for pastoral authority? What steps can a pastor take to avoid pastor-elder conflicts? How do you build trust between a pastor and a board'? How do you determine a Church's purpose? What is the pastor's role in developing vision? These are but a sampling of the concerns, issues and problems addressed in the book.

Lawrence wrote, "Entering into a relationship with Christ and then helping others is what pastoring is all about. Nothing is greater than this–no position, or power, or pulpit, nothing!" He also stresses that the Pastor is not the hired "holy man" who does the congregation's religious work. The Pastor is the equipper, the trainer, the developer of others to help them do the work of the ministry.

My favorite chapter was chapter six entitled, "The Order of the Towel," where the author described the servant leader and how that serving others makes for leadership effectiveness. The example of Jesus Christ alone is sufficient to prove the value of servanthood. The Lord Jesus started with twelve men who met in an obscure upstairs room. They had no telecommunications, computers, or printing presses. But still, the Thessalonica city council cried out that Paul and Silas had "turned the world upside down."

The age-old principle of servant leadership continues to work today. I highly recommend this publication to all our ministers and laypersons. It will be a valuable resource both now and in years to come. MLD

Fall District Conferences 2000

Date		District	Church
August	29	Wilson	Cornerstone
August	31	Wilmington	Sneads Ferry
September	5	Williamston	Roper
September	7	Rocky Mount	New Covenant
September	11	Raleigh	Emmanuel
September	12	New Bern	Trenton
September	14	Morehead	Maranatha
September	18	Fayetteville	Sanford 1st
September	19	Clinton	Trinity
September	21	Lumberton	Elizabethtown
September	25	Goldsboro	Liberty
September	26	Greenville	Springs of Living Water

Each of the above begins at 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

"Help ... Help!!"

In the fall of 1999, the people of of eastern North Carolina faced what was probably the most devastating disaster of all time.

Storm after storm ravaged up and down the North Carolina coastline, dumping up to 30 inches of rain. When the violent storms subsided and the beating rains ceased, the area's rivers began to swell. Rising quickly, the rivers soon were well above flood levels.

As the waters raced over the river banks, citizens were forced to leave their homes, some never to return. Today, there are many families that are still displaced. Yet, during this tragic time, there were many of our local churches that were able to come together and offer assistance. One such group was the Mobile Feeding Kitchen from the South Carolina Conference, operating under DRUSA (Disaster Relief USA).

Ready to help, this DRUSA team came to eastern North Carolina and immediately set up their portable kitchen. In the area for approximately five days, the team fed over 8,000 flood victims. (Recall this same team fed over 25,000 in Oklahoma during the tornadoes of 1999). I applaud them for their loyalty and invaluable aid to these communities.

Unfortunately, I am convinced that we have not seen the last of these devastating storms. There will be many more to come, and we must be prepared to face whatever is ahead. Forecasters, for the six-month hurricane season, have predicted eleven named tropical storms in the Atlantic, seven of which will probably become hurricanes. Three will be major storms, with sustained winds of more than 115 mph, forecasters said

Now is the time to began planning our response to disasters. We are in the early stages of establishing several more DRUSA teams like the one that helped down East. We need committed men to volunteer for this vital ministry.

On August 25 and 26, there will be a "Disaster Recovery Team training session in Browns Summit, North Carolina (near Greensboro). We will learn WHAT to do during a disaster and HOW to do it effectively

I believe that God wants us to do whatever we can to help the suffering and to be witnesses to the unsaved Please pray for this program and what YOU can do it be a part of it!

(For more information, contact Reverend Danny Nelson, Coordinator for DRUSA in the North Carolina Conference, P.O. Box 144, Falcon, North Carolina 28342... telephone (910) 980-148].

Just a thought... if your men's group has not seen the video on Hurricane Floyd and what DRUSA did, call or write for a copy of the VCR film "Hurricane Floyd A Wakeup Call"... Men Ministries, 2412-B Raeford Road Fayetteville, NC 283 05 ... (910) 323-4777.

☑*Mark Your Calendar Now!*

*The North Carolina Conference Men Ministries Fall Advance • The theme – **"The Vision of a Mighty Man"** • Speakers – Bishop James Leggett and Reverend Daniel Beard – Dates – September 15-16 • Starts Friday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. • (Yes, there will be a golf tournament Friday a. m., September 15) • For more information, write/call Men's Ministries, P.O. Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 28308 – Telephone (910) 323-4777 or Fax (910) 485-1050.*

"Men's Ministries A Disciple-Making Ministry To Men In Every Church"

LINES FROM LINDA

I've been out in my yard this morning trying to combat the weeds and grass that were overtaking my flower beds. What a chore!

I was reminded of my earlier years back on the farm. In the spring, when Daddy plowed the field and we planted the seed, we all eagerly watched and waited for the seedlings to pop through the ground and the plants begin to grow. For the first few weeks, it was exciting to watch them change the drab winter landscape to a brilliant growth of green. However, just about the time we were all enthused with the crops, the weeds began to surface.

When we saw Daddy start sharpening the hoes, we knew what was coming next. From sunup to sundown, we had quality family time in the fields. Some of the weeds grew shallow roots and were easily chopped up. Others required us to dig a little deeper or even pull them out by hand. One thing we learned very early on was that we had to get the root. Mama didn't tolerate for one minute our "slubbering" over our work. (That's what she called it!) We learned that if we just chopped off the top of the weed, it would most likely grow back, requiring us to go back and do what we should have done well in the first place.

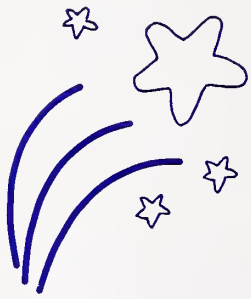
I remember a few times when we were a little late getting to the chopping. A rainy season could keep us out of the field while the weeds were fiercely growing. In those instances, we always dreaded what we faced. We knew it would take us twice as long than if we had gotten to the weeds and grass while they were young and tender.

Well, I was reminded of lessons learned in the fields of our Piney Neck farm this morning. I had not used my hoe this spring. When I started to try to chop the grass and weeds, I discovered it to be a laborious job. It finally dawned on me that my hoe was dull. So off I went to my tool box to find the file. Now, my Daddy had a whetstone with which he usually sharpened our hoes, but he also had taken time to teach me how to use the file so I would know how it was supposed to be done. So, after a few minutes, I had successfully sharpened the hoe blade.

Back to the flower bed I went to be reminded of the second lesson — that I had let the weeds and grass grow too long. What would have been a relatively simple chore a month ago was, this morning, a real task. If only I had taken the time last month to spray a little Round-Up!! I chopped and I pulled ... as I panted and fretted at myself for allowing this to happen. However, I did not give up. After a couple of hours and a Diet Coke break, I was able to stand back and admire my well groomed flower beds. Now I can take pride in them and enjoy the blooming plants that now seem much more obvious.

Since I came back into the house, I have been thinking about my experiences back on the farm and in our front yard this morning. You know, this is not unlike our spiritual life. Sometimes we allow the weeds of the world to grow in the soil of our soul. If we daily attend to our spiritual life, the weeds can be quickly and easily destroyed. However, it we neglect our prayer life and the Word of God, these weeds will begin to take deep root. Before we are even aware of it, our whole attitude and outlook can be under their control.

Maybe, just maybe, we need to keep a closer watch on our lives. Just in case any weeds begin to grow, we need to have our spiritual hoes sharpened and ready for use. It might take a little effort on our part, but there really is no excuse for us to allow the weeds of the world to mar the beauty of our salvation. Let's keep the flower beds of our souls clean and beautiful!



You've Made Our Day!

NCWM Leadership Team Attends L.I.F.T. Retreat

April 27, 2000, was an exciting day for the North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries Council and District Directors headed to Founder's Inn in Virginia Beach, Virginia, to join forces with WM leadership from all across the United States for the quadrennial Lila Isaac Fellowship Training (LIFT) Retreat. The retreat theme was *A SHINING STAR... THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE.* Training focused on developing "Five-Star" Women's Ministries, the objective of which is to raise church awareness regarding the commitment of women to pray, serve, care for the hurting, mentor, disciple, evangelize and fulfill God's great commission to GO.

Training began on Friday morning with a powerful devotion by Rosalinda Salazar, a Hispanic Star. She encouraged us to allow the "Day Star" to arise in our hearts. Instructional and motivational workshops were presented as follows:

- ***A Star Is Born*** (Characteristics of Professionalism) by Peggy Eby, General WM Board, Secretary.
- ***Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*** (Interpersonal Communication Skills) by Lydia Trevino, General WM Board Member.
- ***Would You Like to Swing On A Star*** (Maintaining Peak Performance in Times of Crises) by Jewelle Stewart, General WM Board Assistant Director.
- ***Star Light, Star Bright*** (Customer Focus As It Relates to Women's Ministries) by Linda Thomas, General WM Board Member.

On Friday afternoon, ***Star Polishers*** breakout sessions were led by Ministers' Wives Fellowship Director, Faye Leggett; Girls' Ministries Director Linda Riddle; and General WM Executive Director Mary Belle Johnson. Ladies attended the session which encompassed their area of ministry leadership. Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Whitfield shared information relative to the *Alternative to Abortion Ministry*. The action-packed day of training ended at 9:30 p.m. with a challenge to "sparkle where we are."

On Saturday morning, Rev. Ron White facilitated *The Personal Profile System - DISC Dimensions of Behavior* workshop. We learned the four behavior patterns and how they can be blended in formulating a "Five-Star" Women's Ministries group. Saturday afternoon was free time for ***Wandering Stars*** —- and, yes, most wandered off to the mall to do what ladies do so well...SHOP.

We returned at 7:00 p.m. for the ***Stars Night Out Banquet*** What a royal treatment we received!! The entrance walkway was lined with stars, each reflecting the name of a lady in attendance. We were individually announced as we strolled down the stars walk. The highlight of the banquet was our surprise ***Star Speaker*** Mrs. Lila Isaac, for whom the LIFT Retreat was named. At the delightful age of 88, she delivered a very challenging message. Sister Isaac reminded us that our Lord is a great designer, for no two stars are alike and truly the stars are a manifestation of His visual arts. She challenged us to shine like stars in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. We were reminded that there are those who desire to extinguish our light, but we have God's promise that His light will not be put out. She concluded her message with the fact that God is calling the 21st century woman into the harvest and that we are not to pray for goals, but for souls; and when the souls are won, we will reach the goals. Before retiring for the night, we gathered outside at the lakeside and sang praises to our Lord under His star-filled heaven. What a moving experience it was for each one as we glorified our Lord.

On Sunday morning, we enjoyed the final workshop session, ***Spiritual Empowerment***, presented by our very own Mary Belle Johnson. During this session, we celebrated an Agape Love Feast in which we broke bread together and shared our love with each other.

As the LIFT Retreat concluded, we were challenged to "depart to shine in our God-designed destination." We all returned home with a bag filled with special treats, favors, and door prizes.

Hats off to our General Women's Ministries Council for a well-planned Retreat. It was an experience your NC Conference Leadership Team will treasure.

Submitted by Janice Marshburn
NCWM Assistant Director

Patsy Payne and Justine Lee enjoy a visit with Mrs. Lila Isaac at the LIFT Retreat Banquet.]

Linda visits with Mrs. Lila Isaac and Mary Belle Johnson at LIFT Retreat Banquet.

MARY-ELIZABETH RECEPTION AT WALLACE

The ladies of the Wallace Pentecostal Holiness Church held their first *Mary-Elizabeth* reception on a recent Sunday afternoon. The Marys (young ladies 30 years old and under) were invited to join with the Elizabeths (ladies over thirty) for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

As each lady signed in, she was given ribbons with either Mary or Elizabeth printed on them. The sign-in sheets will be reproduced so that the Elizabeths will receive a copy of the Marys' names and addressees and the Marys will receive a copy of the Elizabeths' names and addresses. Fifteen Elizabeths and 10 Marys attended.

The Elizabeths furnished a wide variety of delectable finger foods, and the table was beautifully spread with wonderful food and punch to drink. Following the refreshments, a devotion was presented using the account of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her older cousin, Elizabeth, who as the mother of John the Baptist. Comparison was made between the younger Mary and the older Elizabeth, and it was noted what each of them gained from their relationship and the responsibility each had to the relationship. The Elizabeths were given a charge to live according to the Word of God, to be Godly examples to the Marys, and to make themselves available to teach, train and help whenever needed (as explained in Titus 2). The Marys were charged to seek help, guidance and wisdom from the Elizabeths but to also be willing to help and teach the Elizabeths concerning the things that are going on in this new millennium.

Appreciation was expressed to the Marys for the roles they currently play in the church. At the conclusion, a special prayer was offered. The theme of that prayer was that each lady will fill her place and become either the Mary or the Elizabeth God wants her to be.

Submitted by Teresa Bradshaw
Wallace PH Church Women's Ministries Director

Young ladies of Wallace PH Church enjoy the Mary~Elizabeth reception hosted by the Women's Ministries.

GOLDSBORO DISTRICT WM RALLY...

Thunder Swamp Pentecostal Holiness Church Fellowship Hall was the site of the May 8, 2000, Goldsboro District Rally. Mrs. Justine Lee, District Director, and the ladies of the Goldsboro district joined together to enjoy a delicious barbecue pork and chicken dinner, a lovely array of homemade desserts, a beautiful and inspirational program and fellowship galore.

Mrs. Blanche Pollard, Thunder Swamp WM Director, welcomed everyone and introduced the new pastor, Rev. Chris Brown, who prayed the invocation and blessing. Following supper and fellowship, door prizes were given under the direction of Mrs. Kay Powell, the local WM Secretary. Ms. Terry Boyette, WM Director of The First Church in Goldsboro, led the group in a time of Choruses of Praise. NCWM Director Linda Thomas was introduced and shared a few announcements with the group. Mrs. Sandra Britt, NC Girls Ministries Director, sang a beautiful solo to set the tone for the devotional part of the program.

Justine Lee made announcements relative to WM Activities within the district and presented some special acknowledgements. She then introduced Anne Bartlett as special speaker. Anne and her husband serve in the pastorate at Mt. Olive PH Church. Anne started her message by looking at her reflection in a mirror... "Mirror, mirror on the wall ... and moved into a moving testimony of how, at one point in her life, she didn't like what she saw. She said it was only as she began to study the Word of God and live by its precepts that her life was changed so that she felt good about the person she saw in the mirror. She encouraged those present to look into God's Word and let it be reflected in our lives.

Following the devotion, to the delight of the ladies, more door prizes were awarded. Faye Hargrove of Jones Grove PH Church led the dismissal prayer. Everyone left the rally both physically and spiritually nourished. Thanks, Justine, for your leadership in the Goldsboro District and in this great rally.

Three generations of Women's Ministries leaders attended the Goldsboro District WM Rally. Pictured are Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson; her daughter, Dorothy Jackson Boyette; and Dorothy's daughter, Terry Ann Boyette. Dorothy currently serves as NCWM Historian, and Terry Ann is the WM Director at The First Church.]

A NO-COOK RECIPE ...

For your next outdoor barbecue or for Sunday lunch, this easy-to-fix BANANA SPLIT CAKE recipe might come in handy.

1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
2 cups graham cracker crumbs

Mix together melted butter and crumbs. Press into a 13 X 9 inch pan.

2 eggs
2 cups confectioners sugar, sifted
3/4 cup butter
1 tsp. Vanilla

Beat eggs until thick and light, about five minutes. Add confectioners sugar, butter, and vanilla. Beat all about five minutes. Spread over crumbs and chill for 30 minutes.

1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
4 bananas, sliced
1 container (9 oz.) whipped topping
Nuts and cherries, optional

Spread with well-drained pineapple. Arrange sliced bananas over pineapple. Spread whipped topping over bananas. Sprinkle with chopped nuts and decorate with cherries.

Refrigerate at least 6 hours before serving. Store in refrigerator.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

SMALL GROUPS / SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Brother David Wheeler and I were very pleased with these Spring training workshops sponsored by the Church Education and Evangelism Ministries. The response was excellent. Some 507 individuals attended the meetings – 103 churches represented, 82 pastors, and 35 other clergy. The largest meeting was the Wilson District meeting with 73 in attendance (pictured).

CHRIST CATHEDRAL OF PRAISE

Pastors Al and Dee Marks have moved from Louisiana to the West Cary area. They have begun work on establishing a new Pentecostal Holiness church in the area. The church will be called Christ Cathedral of Praise. We welcome them to our Conference.

Pray for the success of this new work. Prayer makes the difference! More information will be forthcoming.

YEAR 2000 "GO" OFFERING

Time is quickly drawing to an end for the normal "GO" Offering promotion. Churches are asked to report and preferably to send their funds by Wednesday, July 19. This is the deadline in order to make the written report for the "GO" service on Sunday night, July 23rd - World Evangelism Service.

Sunday, July 9, is the designated "GO" Offering Sunday for prayer and fasting. July 16 is the alternate Sunday. The Conference regular goal is $235,000.00. The miracle goal is $250,000.00. One hundred years ago at the first camp meeting, some $250.00 was given for missions. It seems right that for the 101st camp meeting some $250,000.00 should be given — the Lord willing.

LONDON - SPAIN

As I write this article, Betty and I are returning from a missions ministry trip to London and Spain. We spent a week with Steve and Betsy Cofer in London. I taught a class at the CICM Center for International Christian Ministries. It was a great week.

The class ran to 1:30 each weekday. I was teaching I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, and I & II Chronicles. All total I taught 15 sessions. There were some great students.

In the late afternoons and early evenings, Betty and I were able to see some of the sights with Steve and Betsy. They are doing a great job as the Overseas Ministry Coordinators of Europe and the Mideast. New churches are being established and souls are being saved. Steve and Betsy are dear friends and great hosts.

On Friday afternoon, we flew to Spain to visit with missionaries Linwood and Nancy Berry, North Carolina's own. I preached in the Madrid Church on Sunday morning – 140 strong, and the Parla Church on Sunday night – 125 strong. What a great experience! Betty and I felt right at home with our Latino brothers and sisters.

I am so thankful for Linwood and Nancy Berry. They went to Spain in the Spring of 1988. We had no Pentecostal Holiness churches in Spain at that time. Now we have six churches and will organize another one in July. There are twenty-one licensed ministers and four missionaries. Two years ago, the Spanish Conference was organized. In July, they will meet for their 2nd annual meeting. All total there are 290 plus members now in Spain with an average attendance of 500.

Brother Berry's goal is to plant four new churches per year in Spain. He planted four last year. (All planted do not survive. The survival rate is 75%.) He is now able to plant new churches because of the Mustard Seed Institute – a training institute established four years ago.

In addition to their duties in Spain, the Berrys serve as Regional Ministry Coordinators of Southern Europe. They are responsible to cast the missions vision and supervise France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Germany, and Switzerland. Goals have been established to start 1½ churches per year per country. A 20% failure rate has been factored in. The Mustard Seed Institute is being expanded into these countries.

The Berrys are in great need of a video projector (cost – $5,500.00). They are also in need of regular funds for the Mustard Seed Institute. (This institute takes the training into various areas.) Presently over 27 courses are available. These are offered on the Internet as well.

After these days with the Cofers and Berrys, I am more than ever committed to missions. These couples have sacrificed and faced many difficulties. Yet God has blessed them to be very successful. To both of them, Betty and I say THANK YOU and WELL DONE!

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

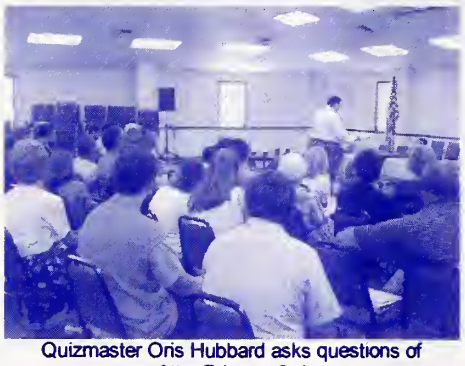
Sunday School and Youth Ministries Report January, February, March 2000

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Att	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Att
Northwood Temple	1780	0	693	0	710	517
Kinston First	667	0	276	0	321	248
Clinton	370	0	205	0	238	195
The First	360	0	202	0	150	159
Mt. Olive LD	309	0	201	0	80	65
Mount Carmel	380	0	188	0	219	133
Wilson First	180	0	166	0	80	70
Gospel Tabernacle	475	25	165	25	430	373
St. Pauls	206	10	164	10	140	130
Tarboro First	214	0	162	0	184	136
Stedman	246	0	158	0	195	123
The Capital	350	0	131	0	170	173
Chadbourn	220	0	127	0	174	87
Harvest Temple	191	45	126	18	136	88
Brentwood	140	0	125	0	160	159
Shiloh	291	14	124	19	189	91
Smyrna	106	0	123	0	101	83
Harvest Temple	191	45	116	23	136	86
Bizzell Grove	165	40	110	26	0	40
Benson	167	48	109	20	140	96
Greenville First	109	0	109	0		
St. Paul	265	0	107	0	100	
Peniel	262	0	104	0	210	74
Williamston	166	5	104	5	109	85
Culbreth Memorial	131	22	101	22	90	48
Harkers Island	133	0	100	0	67	47
Lumberton	150	14	100	9	135	80
Grace Family Fellowship	213	0	93	0	195	92
Saint John	131	0	91	0	61	82
Bethany	155	5	90	24	109	35
Mount Olive	105	0	89	0	0	0
Pikes Crossroads	187	25	85	28	145	60
Graham Memorial	137	0	82	0	45	30
Wallace	229	0	81	0	0	0
Wilmington	142	0	80	0	142	54
Rehoboth	139	0	74	a	0	0
Roper	116	0	74	0	107	63
Hollands Chapel	71	0	72	0	30	37
Harvest Fellowship	95	0	72	0	70	80
Living Faith Fell.	120	0	70	0	86	54
Baywood	135	0	69	0	83	32
Hobgood	91	0		0	0	0
Brocks Chapel	170	0	66	0	91	62
Nakina	89	0	66	0	40	33
Millennium	136	0	65	28	88	29
Sharon	105	0	64	0	45	40
Emmanuel	75	0	63	0	60	44
Sanford First	94	0	62	0	49	40
Tyndall Grove	75	0	61	0	30	20
Belfast	130	0	61	0	0	31
Westview	118	0	59	0	102	47
Stantonsburg	109	0	58	0	50	50
Thompson Chapel	104	0	56	0	59	34
Moores Chapel	100	0	56	0	71	32
Faith GD	55	52	55	52	50	40
Bridgeton	72	0	55	0	0	0
Boardman	210	0	55	0	201	26
Thomas Chapel	70	0	54	0	51	25
Higher Ground	130	0	54	0	58	34

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext	SS Avg Att	Ext	YM Enrollment	YM Avg Att
Niagara	173	0	52	0	33	18
Saint Matthew	74	0	52	0	35	32
Holly Hill	98	0	51	0	62	42
Faith WD	65	0	50	37	45	43
Family Life Tabernacle	66	0	50	0	42	56
Manley's Grove	103	0	50	0	0	0
Reelsboro	110	0	49	21	48	36
Taylors Chapel	100	0	49	0	0	0
Jones Grove	47	0	47	0	0	0
Thunder Swamp	89	0	47	0	0	0
New Bern First	84	0	46	0	69	19
Kenly	112	0	46	0	0	0
Aberdeen	78	0	44	0	63	16
Warsaw	83	0	44	0	0	0
Bethel	58	0	43	0	0	0
Shiloh	85	0	42	0		
Hodges Chapel	87	0	42	0	0	0
Black Creek	74	0	42	0	0	0
Hamilton	78	0	41	0	0	0
Living Waters	43	0	40	0	52	34
Jacksonville	61	0	40	0	40	30
The Genesis	116	35	39	15	51	7
Snow Hill	69	0	39	0	0	0
Elizabethtown	50	0	39	13	16	18
Independence	53	0	39	0	0	0
Vaughans Chapel	75	0	38	0	0	0
Goshen	85	0	38	0	85	26
Ebenezer	47	0	36	38	38	18
Sneads Ferry	100	0	36	0	30	16
Westmoreland	171	0	36	0	114	49
Liberty	50	0	35	0		
Weldon	54	13	34	12	0	0
Vanceboro	46	0	33	0		0
Winterville	57	0	31	0	0	0
Sims	54	0	31	0	0	0
Trinity	47	0	31	0	0	0
Tabernacle	58	0	30	0	33	17
Friendship WD	102	0	30	0	59	23
Midway	103	0	30	0	78	28
Scotland Neck	38	0	30	0	3	2
Alert	71	0	29	0	35	14
Cornerstone	44	0	29	0	21	16
Abbottsburg	42	0	28	0	17	22
Carson Memorial	80	0	28	0	65	18
Grace Community	46	0	27	0	40	28
Evangel	31	21	27	44	21	21
Ayden	60	0	27	0	0	0
Trinity	19	0	27	0	0	0
Belhaven	23	a	27	0	0	0
Garland	65	0	27	0	0	0
Sonlight	38	15	27	20	28	23
Wades Point	56	0	27	0	0	0
Clayton	31	0	26	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	64	0	26	0	28	19
Lowland	35	0	25	0	0	0
Cedar Point	41	0	25	0	17	15
Heritage	56	0	24	0	46	29
Selma	37	0	24	0	0	0
Goose Creek	23	0	24	0	19	0
Penderlea	25	0	24	0	0	0
Albritton	62	0	24	16	32	14
Vicks Chapel	24	0	22	0	0	0
New Covenant	25	0	22	0	13	19
New Vision	47	0	20	0	0	0
Middlesex	20	0	17	0	0	0
Hopewell	24	0	16	0	29	
Lyon Memorial	55	0	16	0	0	0
Alliance	47	0	15	0	0	0
Red Springs	44	0	15	0	0	0
Grifton	29	0	12	0	0	0
Calvary Temple	14	0	10	0	12	12
Friendship NBD	13	0	9	0	0	0
Windsor	13	8	8	8	0	0
Lamm's Grove	18	0	8	0	0	0
Wakelon	11	0	8	0	0	0
Crystal Coast	36	0	7	0	0	0
Graceway Fellowship	6	45	6	41	10	11
Lighthouse	8	0	5	0	0	0
Total	**16658**	**487**	**8986**	**574**	**8211**	**5401**
Count	**137**		**137**		**133**	**133**

Conference Bible Quiz Finals
May 13, 2000

Six year-old Primary winner
Taylor Syfrett (Stedman)



Quizmaster Oris Hubbard asks questions of one of the Primary Quizzers

Seven-Year-Old Beginners
Alicia Ellis
(Culbreth Memorial)

Seven year-old Primary winner James Gentry (Greenville First) with granddad Rev. Frank Gentry

Conference Quizmaster
Rev. Ons Hubbard

Assistant Quizmaster Amy Rook issues instructions to the Junior teams

Junior Winner
Culbreth Memorial

Teen Competition in Progress

Coach Darrel York and his team from Graham Memorial plan their strategy.

Teen Bible Bowl Division Winner
Culbreth Memorial

Teen Individual High Scorer
Allen Baltezore
(Graham Memorial)

The books of study for this year were Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. The Culbreth Memorial Teens advance to the National Bible Quiz Finals to be held at Youth Quest in Daytona Beach, July 31 through August 4. Special Thanks to Revs. Terry Whittenton, Rose Boyd, Keith Rouse and Gabriel Tew for serving as answer judges.

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This is the day...
THE LORD
HATH MADE!

T. Elwood Long

Do We Really Care About The Unsaved?

We have been given a tremendous responsibility and gracious privilege. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of His Church, has commissioned us to go into all the world to make disciples of all people we as a corporate body you and I as individuals can escape this Christ-given mandate.

We can sing and really mean it from our hearts, "Jesus Paid It All." It is a fact that He did pay it all on the cross of Calvary. He paid the full payment for our total redemption for this world and the world to come. However, there is a price that each of us must pay if we're going to be His disciples who are obedient to His command to make disciples of all people. Through the ages, someone paid the price to keep the message alive. Countless members of the body of Christ, both clergy and non-clergy, have paid the price to keep the fires of evangelism burning as a testimony to the world that Jesus Christ is alive and lives in us. There are those who have given their lives to make sure this present generation and others to come, until there are no more, hear the Holy Word of God and keep our worship buildings open. Somewhere along ancient and modern campfires of gathering, old men and women have kept the story alive. Someone across the years has trimmed the wick, filled the vessel with oil, or in modern times, flipped the switch or set the thermostat and timer to make sure our buildings were open at worship time. Others have sacrificed means and life itself to make sure the architecture and furnishings of our places of worship have been built, maintained, and preserved. Others have fought the battle to keep the doctrine pure and have stood as a biblical sentinel to proclaim the lifestyle of believers in the vernacular of their day and in the environment of their circumstances.

With all the above being true, the world around us has become more and more secular instead of spiritual and "religious." The question that increasingly haunts the representatives of the faith today is how to tell the story effectively and communicate the message that God loves men and wants to bring mankind to a relationship with Him through His precious son, Jesus Christ. We live in a world that is largely one of no background memory or vocabulary regarding the Christian faith. We once could talk about agnostics and infidels and atheists, but today, in the words of George G. Hunter, III, in his book, *How To Reach Secular People* we are faced with a complex communication challenge to reach what we could call "ignostics." These are people to whom the language of the church is totally foreign, who know nothing more than the language of the street, the ghetto, or the corporate world. We must find a way to bridge this seemingly interminable gap and bring the gospel to every heart so that it will affect every life. A few of us cannot do it alone, but it will take the entire body of Christ being more dedicated to reaching our world with the gospel, the good news of God through His son Jesus Christ. We need a fresh infusion of power from on high in the person of the Holy Ghost to thrust us forward into His harvest field.

We must, in the terms of many modern teachers and Christian philosophers, be conscious that we must produce a "secret sensitive" atmosphere. However, we cannot afford to water down the gospel or minimize the importance of doctrinal tenets that have provided a strong bedrock of stability across the years. They have provided this stability because they are founded on the principles of the Holy Word of God.

If we're going to reach our world, we must offer people hope beyond this vale of tears. We must go to their "turf." We cannot hide in the shelter of our sanctuaries and behind the closed doors of our beautiful

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brotherly relationships. We must identify those who need Christ, reach those who are receptive, and through them reach across social networks to meet the needs of our secular society today. We cannot hide in our secret chambers. WE must communicate with secular people. There are some things that we must bring to the forefront of our considerations if we are going to reach our generation for Jesus. We must know and not equivocate that people who aren't disciples are lost. We cannot change that; they cannot change that; only the grace of God can change that. That makes it ultimately important that we find ways of one-on-one communication with the people of our secular society to convince them by our lifestyle and attitude toward them that lost people really do matter to God. But we must convince them that lost people matter not only to God but to us as well. We must know and strongly proclaim that our gathering as a church body is not for a fashion show or just for a few birds of a feather who want to flock together, but primarily a mission to lost people: hurting, confused, dying people. In order to reach our world, we must know what to change and what to preserve. We must search every procedure, methodology, and any other "sacred cow" to determine if it is of God or man. If it is scriptural and of God, then keep it with all your might. If it is simply the trappings of man, then we should denounce it for what it is and free ourselves from unnecessary baggage.

If we are going to reach our world, we must know the importance of understanding, loving, and yes, even liking some people outside the church fellowship. Some of our fellowship and associations must take in those people and not just people who always think, look, and act as we do. If we are really going to reach our secular society, the compassion of Jesus must grip our hearts and our minds and change our attitude toward accepting unchurched people. We must go before God in sincere prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide us in our methodology in reaching the unreached. To do this, we're going to have to reemphasize the importance of starting new congregations. It is entirely possible that some current congregations are so steeped in tradition that it will be impossible for them to change enough to reach a lost and dying world. It will be only the creation of new worship centers that will draw some sinners into the corporate body. If we are going to reach our world, we must leap beyond the immediate and local. We must become more involved in a sense of "world evangelism" than ever before. Our own towns, villages, and countryside have now become a melting pot of colors, languages, and religions. Oh, how we must have the compassion of Jesus and the wisdom of the Holy Ghost to reach our world. We must not, and we will not compromise gospel truth; but we must find tables from which they will eat and fountains from which they will drink. It may be that in your locale, you will need to identify a certain target population. It may be a certain culture, socio-economic level of folk, or a certain age group that you will be able to reach more than you can reach others. I'm convinced that with the graying of America, we need some people who are willing to start new churches among the senior citizens of this country. I know that such a congregation would have a higher turnover rate, but when you consider the number of senior citizens who are going to inhabit our communities over the next few years, should Jesus tarry, we probably need some people who are willing to make the sacrifice to plant churches that will appeal to those dear people. There are others who will need to go after the young or some other specific age group. I know that there should be room in every congregation for all kinds of people. Let's face it, the ideal is not always reality. We must reach people where they are to bring them to where they need to be for the glory of God. We must, with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, implement a strategy for reaching unchurched people right where we are.

To do this, we must emphasize again the fact that ministry is not simply a clergy activity. We must deploy all our congregation and all our Christian associates in ministry. To do so, we must train all our people for Christian witness. All of them cannot do the same thing, and all of them will not be eloquent teachers and preachers of the gospel. All of them can share Jesus in such a way as to make Him attractive to someone. This is a challenge to our people to commit our very lives to evangelism and to open our hearts to the presence and power of God. In doing so, we must not allow ourselves to indulge in "in-house fighting" or doing everything with a sense of competition with the other group down the road. We must reach our generation, no matter our age or how long we have been in the church. We must not let the lack of long-time experience cripple and stifle the initiative of young soul winners to go forth into our secular world to touch lives for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Again, in the spirit of my title of this article, do we really care about unsaved people? If so, what are we doing about it? **JUST A THOUGHT!**

Do We Really Care About The

CHURCH NEWS

Superannuate Birthdays for August

August 04	Rev. Kenneth Tart
August 04	Rev. W. H. Tyson
August 06	Rev. L. L. Lassiter
August 09	Rev. Edsel Hooks
August 10	Rev. W. G. Batten
August 13	Rev. Joe Russell
August 18	Rev. J. H. Norton
August 19	Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell
August 20	Rev. T. H. Godwin
August 22	Rev. H. P. Woodard
August 23	Rev. Mrs. Lynette Mosley
August 26	Rev. W. V. Denning

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

Reverend Jesse "Jay" Weaver is ordained with the North Carolina Conference. He served for many years in the pastorate and evangelized in this conference. He later served in the Church of God. In recent months, he has come home. He and his wife Ann (who is a good musician) will bless your congregation with their singing and preaching. Brother Weaver is available for revival and to "fill-in" for pastors. You may contact him at:

10616 Fayetteville Road, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
or by telephone at: 919-557-8369

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Book Review

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

The Habits of Highly Effective Churches. By George Barna, California: Regal books, 1999, 194 pp. $17.99

The Barna Research Group led by George Barna continues to serve the Church in a powerful and instrumental way. This publication provides some hard-hitting facts and statistics that will awaken even the semi-conscious Christian worker concerning the ineffectiveness of a large majority of Churches across America and how to transform any local body of believers into a vibrant, highly effective and productive ministry. Anyone interested?

Beneficial habits of highly effective Churches include (1)Rely upon strategic leadership, (2)Organize to facilitate highly effective ministry, (3)Emphasize developing significant relationships within the congregation, (4)Congregants invest themselves in genuine worship, (5)Engage in strategic evangelism, (6)Get people involved in systematic theological growt, (7)Utilize holistic stewardship practices, (8) Serve the needy people in the community, and (9)Equip families to minister to themselves.

John Maxwell, in commenting on this book, wrote, *"The Habits of Highly Effective Churches* is the silver bullet that kills common Christian misconceptions about what makes up a 'successful' congregation." Indeed, the nine chapters explain each habit respectively, and identify some macro-processes to transform the local church in becoming effective. As I read this book, I discovered it very difficult to lay aside for other competing activities and responsibilities. The chapter "Facilitating Genuine Worship" alone is worth the cost of the publication.

Time For Truth: Living Free In A World of Lies, Hype and Spin. By Os Guinness. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2000, 128 pp. $12.99

Authors like G.K. Chesterton, J.I. Packer, Ravi Zacharias, C.S. Lewis, A.W. Tozer, Ray Stedman, Erwin Lutzer, Joseph Stowell, and Francis Schaeffer can really stir my spirit about the age in which we live. Os Guinness deserves a high and prominent ranking within this group. As penetratingly as any modern author, his acute perceptions of the times in which we live are extraordinary and extremely helpful for anyone who desires to understand the spirit of the age, and how to combat the evil forces and philosophies that seek to undermine and even eradicate the influence and existence of the Christian Church.

Guinness says that truth matters supremely because without truth, there is no freedom. He equates truth with freedom. The only way to live is to become a person of truth. If truth is dead, he argues, all that remains is a world of lies, hype, and spin. Throughout the book, the author recalls numerous incidents in the history of this country and around the world where truth was weighed in the balance. He contends that within the West, truth in any objective or absolute sense no longer exists. In a postmodern world, the question is no longer "Is it true?" but rather "Whose truth is it?" and "Which power stands to gain?" No wonder what remains in the West is a world of lies, hype, and spin. For example, what was deviant fifty years ago is today just par for the course. Many Americans believe there is no right or wrong–only fun or boring. Has America learned to live with lies? This is sad, especially in light of the fact that the United States is the child of the Protestant Reformation, where truth overcame a whole host of lies and more lies, religious or otherwise.

But thank God for the truth that comes from His precious, infallible Word! Truth is not, in fact, dead. It is alive, and by becoming people of truth, God's truth, we learn to live free. Christians are obligated to seek the truth, speak the truth, and live the truth. Truth that comes from God leads us to God. Our faith is not true because it works; it works because it is true. For this reason, we should be devoted contenders of the faith because it is a definite, dogmatic and delivered faith! We will be held accountable for how we handle and pass on that faith which was delivered to us.

Your heart, soul, mind, and spirit will be powerfully stirred after a careful reading of this publication. Buy the truth and sell it not. By all means, buy the book and read it for profit!

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

"Leadership"

Leadership means to show the way. As Christian men, we need to set godly examples for others to follow.

Men, you may question, "Who is following me? Why must I set the example?" Well, let me share with you just who might be following you. It could be any and every boy in your local church, community, or neighborhood between the ages of 5 and 18. It certainly is ***every*** *boy in your family and home.*

Our conference offers a Bible-based program called the Royal Rangers that works with boys within this impressionable age group. Unfortunately, the Royal Rangers program is struggling in many of our churches because they just don't have enough leaders. There are some dedicated men who have taken this ministry to heart and are really making a difference in the lives of our boys. But sadly, there are not enough active leaders to reach all the boys in our conference. Some churches can't even offer Royal Rangers to their boys because there are no men willing to step forward and be a leader for the Lord.

The Royal Rangers ministry's goal is to ***"Reach, Teach, and Keep Boys for Christ"*** *How can we do this without men to take the lead? The boy in our church who has no male Christian role model to follow will be forced to look outside the church for his hero. If we don't offer guidance to our boys, we can be sure the devil will!*

Men, I ask you today to go to your knees and seek God that He may be able to use you as one of our leaders. Dads, what are your boys doing right now? Are they in Royal Rangers...learning how to be a strong, committed man of God?

When Royal Rangers is thriving in a church, the boys are the real winners. The conference offers training sessions for any man willing to come forward and make a lasting difference in the lives of the next generation of men. The training is rewarding, a real blessing to those who participate.

Don't wait! Talk to your pastor today if God is calling you to be a leader in Royal Rangers. Remember: ***A man never stood so tall as when he stooped to help a boy!***

☑*Important Dates To Remember:*

August 25th – 26th – Disaster Relief Training – Browns Summit; NC
September 15th – 16th – Men's Fall Advance – Falcon, NC

"Men's Ministries...A Disciple-Making Ministry To Men In Every Church"

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference President

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

I awoke to an eerie silence. No sound of air conditioning unit! No refrigerator motor noise! No ceiling fan humming! No buzz of the alarm clock sounding! I soon realized our electricity was off. We were without power. This was Sunday morning. I had big plans for the day. My family was coming for lunch. I had the roast ready for the oven and the collards waiting to go in the pot ... but there was no power!

Years ago that would have been no problem. My mother started out with a wood stove, an ice box, and a wind-up clock. My first recollection of our kitchen is a Perfection wood stove which my father had converted to kerosene. She cooked many good meals and homemade biscuits with it. We had a refrigerator which depended on the ice man's delivery to keep things cold. We would chip ice off the big block to make a refreshing glass of iced tea or lemonade. We didn't have the luxury of a ceiling fan. The only cool we got was when a breeze blew through the open windows. The old wind-up alarm clock ticked so loudly you could hardly sleep soundly enough to need the startling, clamoring ring it gave off in the morning.

Yes, I am old enough to remember when we couldn't flip a switch and say "let there be light." We had kerosene lanterns and lamps to light our way. We didn't even have the luxury of having a lamp in every room. We carried the lamp with us from room to room as the family moved from one activity to the other. We had one special lamp – the mantle lamp – which I thought must be sacred. It was my mother's pride and joy, quite a pretty piece with its decorative white milkglass shade. I thought then that we couldn't bother it because it was so beautiful and special to my mother. I didn't realize that the reason you couldn't move it around was because of the fragile nature of the mantle that covered the flame.

After supper at night, the family would gather in the "sitting room" as my brothers did their homework by the light of the beautiful lamp. We didn't have a laundry room, so Moma might have the ironing board up and gas iron on as she ironed our clothes – everything – even the underwear. She taught us all how to iron ... in a family of eight, ironing was some chore. (Does anybody remember how everything was starched in Argo starch?) Daddy enjoyed the battery-operated radio and most often would be able to find somewhere on the dial a little music amidst the static. His favorite was on Saturday night when the *Grand Ole Opry* came on over Station WCKY, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Isn't it strange to remember the call letters of that station when some days I can hardly remember what happened yesterday?)

No phones ringing! No television blaring! No computers and video games! On a warm August night, you might find us on the front porch where Daddy & Moma were in the swing. We children could be found busy catching fireflies (we called them lightning bugs). Most of the time we had company. Aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends joined us as we played "Ain't no bears out tonight" and "Hide and Go Seek." Running around outside with the moon and stars serving as our area light, we created our own entertainment. We really had fun. The lack of electricity didn't bother us, for we had never known its luxury.

Well, I don't know how I got off on all that, for I started out telling you about waking up without power. My intent was just to share what a helpless feeling it is to wake up and realize you are powerless. Anyway, when I awoke and realized we had no power, a spiritual analogy came to mind. We had recently studied in Sunday school how the Holy Ghost Baptism brings power to the believer. We reviewed the mighty acts of the apostles where the *dynamite* power of the Holy Spirit was at work in their ministry. As I pondered that scriptural account of the early church, I began to think about the church today. Are we truly exercising the power which Christ gave us the authority to use? Are we allowing His Holy Spirit to keep us charged, or are we neglecting His Word and time in His presence and letting the Power dwindle from our lives? Will we wake up one morning without Power?

This caused me to reflect on my relationship with the Lord. I don't want to awaken one morning to the eerie silence of a life without the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Do you?

AGNES ROBINSON CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

Your Christmas Missions offerings will bring Christmas Joy and be a blessing to our Missionaries all over the world.
Be sure to send it by August 31st to
North Carolina Women's Ministries
Patsy Deese, 1303 Cedarwood Village,
Morehead City, NC 28557

A NOTE FROM CHRISTIE...

Christie Lea Baker shared her testimony at the 2000 NCWM Retreat in Virginia Beach in March. She is an itinerating missionary with plans to leave for Zimbabwe, Africa, in the near future. Christie sends the following note of thanks.

Dear North Carolina Women's Ministries Ladies,

I just want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to each one of you. I am so thankful to the NCWM Board for allowing me to share my heart with you at the WM Retreat. Words cannot express how blessed I feel to be a part of this vital ministry. The overwhelming love and support you all showed me at the retreat will never be forgotten. I am so thankful for your prayer support that is helping me have the strength to carry out the mission the Lord has ordained me to do.

Thank you again for all you are doing for me. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I complete my itineration and leave for Africa later this year.

May the Lord bless each one of you as you continue to work for him!

I love you,

Christie Baker

FEAST OF INGATHERING FUND-RAISER IDEA

- Get enough small bags donated from a local fast food restaurant (McDonald's, Burger King, etc.) for each member of your congregation.
- Give out bags with instructions asking each person to return the bag on a specified date with the money equaling the price of their favorite fast food meal inside the bag.
- When bags are received, give each person turning in a bag a sticker to wear which states: *I GAVE THE PRICE OF ONE MEAL TO FEAST OF INGATHERING*

DISTRICT CONFERENCE WM WORKSHOPS...

Feast of Ingathering Offerings will be received at the upcoming District Conference WM Workshops. Each Local WM Director will have the opportunity to present the offering from her local WM and share ideas on the methods used to raise the funds. Every local WM is encouraged to have a representative attend in order to participate in the training and communication session led by NC Conference WM Director Linda Thomas or one of the NCWM Board Members.

Listed below are dates & places of District Conferences. Each begins at 7:30 P.M.

August	20	Wilson District	Cornerstone (Bailey)
August	31	Wilmington District	Sneads Ferry
September	5	Williamston District	Roper
September	7	Rocky Mount District	New Covenant
September	11	Raleigh District	Emmanuel
September	12	New Bern District	Trenton
September	14	Morehead City District	Maranatha
September	18	Fayetteville District	Sanford First
September	19	Clinton District	Trinity
September	21	Lumberton District	Elizabethtown
September	25	Goldsboro District	Liberty
September	16	Greenville District	Springs of Living Waters

Remember – you can double your Feast of Ingathering Offering by means of the Matching Fund program. Local WM Directors have information on this opportunity.

2000 NCWM CONVENTION A SUCCESS

A joyous gathering was held in Falcon on June 10 as the North Carolina Women's Ministries Convention convened. Prior to the convention, the ladies had an opportunity to visit, fellowship, and enjoy refreshments during the registration hour. Another feature of the pre-convention time was shopping from the booths where various WM groups had displayed their fund-raising wares.

The convention attendees were greeted by NC Conference Superintendent T E Long and IPHC General Women's Ministries Director Mary Belle Johnson. NCWM Director Linda Thomas gave a report of the past year's accomplishments and recognized the people on the leadership team for their support. Each board member gave a report on her portfolio, some of which included videos to enlighten the ladies on ministry opportunities. Mrs. Ruth Creel presented the Memoirs report.

Local WM recognitions were given, with Kinston First receiving the 3-Star Superiority Bar for having 100 points for 12 consecutive years. Ayden and Clayton were presented with plaques for their first-time achieving 100 points for four years. Mount Carmel, Maranatha, and Living Faith received superiority bars for having 100 points for four years. They had earned the plaque previously. Certificates of achievement were in the local directors' packets recognizing their accomplishments. Sixty local WM groups received the highest annual certificate — Certificate of Excellence (100 points).

The theme for the Convention Program was TOGETHER WE CAN. The message projected through this theme was lay women and ministers' wives united in ministry on the local level. Meshelder Richardson gave a lovely tribute to ministers' wives, and Sylvia Long spoke from a minister's wife's perspective. A skit was presented which quite comically brought out some issues relevant to relationships. Mrs. Fay Hedgepeth, who is a member of the IPHC Ministers' Wives Fellowship Board, was the speaker. She cited incidences from her own experiences and shared the beauty of working together and what can be achieved as women unite to win souls to the Lord.

Special music was presented by Faye Bland with messages in song befitting the theme and adding to the worship hour. Jane Warren and Karen Barnhill provided instrumental music for the prelude, interlude, and prayer time.

A highlight of the convention was the gathering of used GEMS uniforms and materials which are being shipped to Africa for use by missionaries. An offering was received to help with the shipping costs.

Around two hundred ladies were present for this annual event.

Patsy Payne, Phyllis Harrell & Justine Lee, along with a number of other WM Conference leaders, worked diligently to get packets stuffed and ready for the convention.

The service closed with a circle of love praying for ministers wives.

60 local WM Groups receive certificates of excellence.

DELICIOUS SUMMER TREAT...

What is better on a hot summer night than a delicious milk shake? You might like to try this recipe (for one milkshake) and then double it to share with a family member of friend.

4 scoops ice cream (any flavor)
3/4 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons sugar

Blend well & top with whipped cream and cherry.

SIX WAYS TO MANAGE PROCRASTINATION

SIX WAYS TO MANAGE PROCRASTINATION ...

1. **Have a vision.** Know where you are going. A vision focuses priorities, motivates action, inspires sacrifice, and counteracts discouragement. Ask God to share His dreams for your life with you, then write them down.

2. **Plan with that vision in mind.** Procrastination is easier when you have no plan or direction. Schedule the important, leave room for the urgent, and take time for balance and rest.

3. **Be decisive in starting projects.** Don't cave in to the myth, "It can wait," or "There will be more time tomorrow." Train yourself to hear red-alert signals going off in your head when you start to think that way. The future has no more time than the present.

4. **Do the hardest things first.** Explore ways to make unpleasant responsibilities more enjoyable, either in the way you do them or in the attitude you choose while doing them. We do better when we have something to look forward to. Hope is central to positive motivation.

5. **Break projects in manageable units.** Space projects over a longer period of time. Most big achievements are the sum of many little achievements.

6. **Surround yourself with as much order as possible.** Order reinforces order. Conversely, disorder in one area of life tends to spill over in other areas. Avoid tackling too much at once. Let one victory lead to another.

By Rev. James Bradford
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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!

Missionary Update Selected

Christie Baker

Christie has made great progress in her itineration and is nearing completion. She has been approved to leave for the field in August. She probably will be delayed slightly due to the fact that the Delports will have to be in the states in early fall. Christie will not be allowed to leave for the field until the Delports return. Praise the Lord for Christie and her progress.

Ron and Phyllis Roy

Ron and Phyllis will continue to reside at the Jackie Wilson Home in Clinton. They have been itinerating in the Western N. C. Conference. They will be shifting some of their itineration to the N.C. Conference this fall. They are praying to return as quickly as possible in Mexico.

Steve and Betsy Cofer

Steve and Betsy will be in North Carolina at the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home from August 25 to October 2. This fine veteran missionary couple are the Overseas Ministry Coordinators for Western Europe and the Middle East. They both are excellent speakers. They would be a real blessing to any church.

Sherrill Orvin

Brother Orvin, our People to People Director, will be ministering in the Conference during the Fall F.E.S.T.'s in October. He will be available for Sunday services on October 15 . Sherrill is an excellent Bible preacher.

Linwood and Nancy Berry

Linwood and Nancy, our own missionaries to Spain, will be coming home for furlough in November. They will be with us through the spring. They will be residing at the Evans home in Falcon. They are doing one fantastic job in Spain.

Mike and Jennifer Oliver

Mike and Jennifer have done an excellent job in itineration. They have worked very faithfully. If all the churches they have ministered in will be able to make a good faith commitment, they should be ready for the field. Their second child is scheduled to be born in September. As their faith commitments fall into place and the new baby comes, they should leave for Israel by year's end.

Rose Boyd

Rose is presently home on furlough. She is, however, already beginning her new assignment. She is developing Operation Teaching Tools and is preparing for her C. E. Ministry around the world. She will be one busy lady! In between ministry trips, she will be residing in Dunn.

Willard and Yvonne Wagner

The Wagners are home on furlough. They will be staying in Georgia but will be making weekend trips to North Carolina.

SPECIAL PROJECT NEEDS

Mustard Seed Institute

Begun by Missionary Linwood Berry in Spain, this training program has become a valuable arm of training and church planting in Spain. The Institute is being expanded into several of the other European countries to enhance the church planting endeavors. Monthly and onetime offerings are needed.

Capetown Bible School Library

Missionary Roger Gorman expresses the need for new books for the library being started at the Capetown Bible School. New books can be purchased for $20.00 each. Monthly and onetime offerings are needed.

Ghana Theological College

Missionary Stefan Hall is in critical need of funds for the college he has begun in Ghana. He needs regular operating funds and presently has a great need of 20 bunk beds – $50.00 each (includes mattress).

Project Opportunity – Parker Books

Missionary Sue Parker has offered a fund-raising opportunity to WM groups, churches, etc. She has written an excellent book – *Precious Memories*. The books is hardback and sells for $17.00 each. She would offer the book at ½ price for resale by the local church. She may be reached at 3130 Kendale Drive, Sanford, NC 27330 or 919-776-5860.

Al & Dee Murks
Becky, Aaron, Jonathan, James

CHRIST CATHEDRAL OF PRAISE

Al and Dee Marks have moved from Lafayette, Louisiana, to start a Pentecostal Holiness Church in West Cary — Morrisville area. They are off and running. They have begun a couple of cell groups and hope to begin a weekly joint meeting soon on Friday evenings. Later they will begin services on Sunday mornings.

Al and Dee need prayer in several areas. First, they need a special anointing as they reach new people and they evangelize in the community. Last week had two conversions. Praise the Lord!

They need a home in the target area. They presently are living in the Graham area – too far away.

They need monthly funds. They presently are living by faith and from commitments made by their home church, friends, and the Evangelism Department. They would welcome an opportunity to minister in area churches.

They will need a place in the target area for services. They are looking rental not land at this point. Their present emphasis is people. They are in urgent need of a P.A. system. One that could be expanded in the future would be ideal.

This is one fine couple! They are talented in preaching, teaching, singing, and in playing. They have worked the last sixteen years as music directors of the Word of Faith P.H. Church in Lafayette. They also served there in many other areas of discipleship and evangelism. Al and Dee both are ordained ministers. During their tenure at Word of Faith, the church grew from a weekly attendance of 400 to over 1,000.

Al Marks, Jr., is the son of an ordained minister and the great grandson of a pioneering pastor. Dee grew up in a Pentecostal family, her father being one of the first ten Royal Rangers Commanders. Both attended and graduated from Christian colleges.

Al and Dee have been blessed with four children — Becky 16, Aaron 14, Jonathan 12, and James 7. All the children are very actively involved in their parents' ministry.

Al and Dee believe God is calling them to "sow" the Word of Life into those He is calling them to, and disciple them to know Him in His righteousness and holiness until literally, praise and worship are springing up all around the world. Christ Cathedral of Praise is to be "A Worshiping Church, A Caring People, and A Lighthouse to the Triangle."

Al and Dee may be reached at 7041-A Whitney Road, Graham, NC 27253, or 336-376-9463 Home or 919-342-1902 Cell Phone. Pray for them and give them a call.

EVANGELISM SPECIAL NEEDS

The Evangelism Department Ministries is in need of equipment such as chairs, sound systems, pulpits, etc. Sometimes pews can even be used. The new churches start with very little equipment. Please give the office a call before you discard equipment or give it to the "Baptists." Many of our Hispanic churches have even greater needs. Give the office a call.

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Greetings!

We have just closed out three awesome weeks of Falcon Youth Camp 00! God was here and blessed our sons and daughters in a mighty way.

Each camp was different, with its own unique flair. Teen week, with 173 young people in attendance, was one of the larger camps in recent years. Rev. Michael Knight, our National Youth Minister, was the evangelist. The services were anointed, and the response was very good.

Second week, the team of Evangelists was Henry and Paula Buckland. They minister to the young people through a variety of techniques. The kids loved it!

Third week, the children learned valuable lessons from God's word through the work of Professor Kooky, pronounced "koo-kay," and his team of assistants. In his miracle laboratory, they saw wonderful things, and learned deep spiritual truths, as well.

The camps were great! The best part of all was the spiritual progress our youngsters made while they were here. There were some from sixty-six of our churches who were blessed: 62 were saved, 53 were sanctified, 83 received their Pentecostal baptism, 20 were called into some area of Christian service, 18 rededicated their lives, and 66 indicated that they received another type of blessing!

All in all, we served well over 400 kids with our Youth Camps this year. God was ever-present in all the services, and our young people were the ones who benefited. Thank you for your prayers for Falcon Youth Camps.

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STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Stewardship Month
September 2000

From the Superintendent

T. Elwood Long

September is Stewardship Emphasis Month throughout the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Reverend Roland Harrell, author of the following article, is the Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Conference.

The Conference Stewardship Officer presents a challenging message to us in the following paragraphs.

STEWARDSHIP LIVING

The term *stewardship* naturally has the connotation of referring to finances; however, the Bible expands the stewardship concept to apply to the entirety of a believer's life. Financial responsibility to Kingdom causes is indeed an aspect of stewardship that must not be overlooked, but the Biblical basis of appropriate giving is predicated on appropriate living. Financial stewardship evolves from a stewardship lifestyle.

The first step to appropriate Biblical stewardship in any aspect of personal and church responsibility must be preceded by a decision on the part of a Christian to be a good steward of the grace of God that brought us our salvation. "As every man hath received...so minister the same one to another, as good Stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

The prophet Malachi (3:10) says that when we practice stewardship living, God opens the very windows of heaven and showers us with blessings beyond our expectation.

STEWARDSHIP LIVING WILL BE CHALLENGED. When you make a decision to honor God with your life in everything you do, that decision will be instantly challenged by Satan. The young prophet Daniel is a good example of this fact. Even in his teens, Daniel was conscious of his responsibility to honor God with his lifestyle. His convictions demanded that he stay away from idolatry and anything that honored or reverenced it. As a captive in Babylon faced with eating food that was offered to idols, it seemed impossible to live by his principles.

In our daily lives, circumstances will contrive to rob us of convictions. Our principles will be challenged and our commitment to God questioned and made light of. What we do under fire will determine every other aspect of our lives. Stewardship living will be the determining factor in everything else in our lives.

STEWARDSHIP LIVING WILL BE COSTLY. Stephen was a powerful, Spirit-filled deacon/evangelist in the early Apostolic church. Being a good steward of the manifold grace of God cost him his life. While declaring the gospel before the Sanhedrin, the religious court of Israel, the truth so infuriated the hearers they forced him to the edge of the city, where they stoned him to death.

Being a good steward of the grace of God will surely not require every believer to lay down his life, but it will require us to totally give up our lives to Christ without reservation and to trust the Lord completely with everything we are or ever hope to be. Good stewards have died to self so as to live completely for Christ.

Daniel made stewardship the hallmark of his life and was tossed into a den of lions as a result. His Hebrew friends were thrown into a furnace of fire because of their commitment to stewardship living. It is likely that a faithful steward of the grace of God will experience some degree of persecution for his/her faith. As long as we live and minister in a world that is managed and controlled by Satan, we are in enemy territory and can expect retaliation. Stewardship may not always be the easiest way to take.

STEWARDSHIP LIVING WILL BE COMPENSATED. The fact that stewardship may be costly is not the last word on the matter. Stewardship will always be divinely compensated. Daniel was cast into the lions' den, and his friends into the furnace of fire, but God protected them.

What about Stephen? Stephen's desire was to make a difference with the Gospel: to do something for Christ that would impact the world. Critics would say he died too soon and his ministry was cut off. It seemed, on the face of it, that he failed. But there was a young Roman citizen in the crowd whose consent to the deed encouraged the crowd to stone Stephen. That Roman citizen watched and listened as the evangelist related his vision of Christ in heaven and prayed for forgiveness for his persecutors. That Roman citizen would become the Apostle Paul. He never escaped the impact of Stephen's dying testimony. Stephen will be recognized in glory as the man who won Paul to Jesus Christ. Paul in turn became the greatest Christian witness this world has yet known. He gave us at least thirteen and possibly fourteen of the books of the New Testament.

God has a marvelous way of compensating the person who chooses to live a stewardship life. The prophet Malachi (3:10) says that when we practice stewardship living, God opens the very windows of heaven and showers us with blessings beyond our expectation.

Our responsibility is to take a stand, defend principle, live by conviction, and witness the Gospel; and it is God's responsibility to make sure our labor is not in vain.

Let us be aware this September that stewardship living is the only kind of life that is worthwhile.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

***Nothing But the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age.* By John MacArthur. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1999. 203 pp. $10.99**

John MacArthur has, in his usual and thorough fashion, centered in on the heart of the problem in terms of the Church's supreme mission on earth embodied in the Great Commission to evangelize the world and make disciples. He emphasizes the need for every Christian to be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.

Admitting that being a witness to the Gospel is becoming increasingly difficult in this rapidly changing world, the author provides answers to four basic problems in any Gospel presentation, which are (1) the attitude of the believer, (2) the preparedness of the believer, (3) the content of the answers, and (4) the biblical priority of witnessing.

If Christians know that the return of Jesus Christ is near, it should be incentive enough to witness while there is still time. A desire to share the Gospel is one thing. Knowing what to say to a seeking unbeliever is another. The author provides a scripturally sound presentation, which can prepare the witness, that is available, worshipful, submissive, obedient, and dependent upon God's power. Finally, the author focuses on taking it to the streets. He stated, "Our great mission in the church is to love, learn, and live to call men and women to Jesus Christ." The Lord Jesus led the way. He demonstrated a consistent, soul-winning lifestyle.

If you are looking for something "new" in regard to evangelism, then this book would not be a good buy. But if you are looking for a strong New Testament emphasis on evangelism for today, then it is highly recommended.

***A Time for Truth: A Study of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.* By Stephen Olford. Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1999. 167 pp. $14.95**

This publication is a compilation of fifteen sermons from the text of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 by a prince of expositors, Stephen Olford, who addresses the main issues of life from the standpoint of truth–not just any truth, but truth based on God's infallible Word.

Modern man has become so earthbound and materialistic that he has overlooked the fact that he is a creature of eternity. If a person gets it wrong here, he will get it wrong forever. Olford presupposes that man's fulfillment in life can come only by obedience to God's truth. Anything less is a lie.

It is simply astounding as to how many important issues of life are contained in this relatively short work: from birth and death, sowing and reaping, killing and healing, destroying and building, weeping and laughing, mourning and dancing, gathering and casting away stones, gaining and losing, to making heavenly investments and throwing away sin in our lives. Olford expertly addresses these effects and results of life. He effectively bridges the gap from the ancient text to our contemporary age.

There are many applications and advantages that can be realized from a possession of this book. It is highly and warmly recommended to all in Christian ministry.

The Family of Rev. J. Doner Lee
invites you to attend his
80th Birthday Celebration on
September 30, 2000

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The family requests you share in writing any personal thoughts or memories concerning Rev. Lee and his influence on your life.
These remarks will be compiled in a "Book of Memories."

If you cannot attend, but would like to send a card, please respond to Rev. J. Doner Lee at P.O. Box 122, Falcon, NC 28342

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Rev. W.M. Cordon	September 1
Rev. George Weaver	September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark	September 6
Rev. Elmer Mooring	September 7
Rev. Roy Williams	September 11
Rev. Johnie Pollard	September 13
Rev. N. Doner Lucas	September 13
Rev. Ralph Jernigan	September 15
Rev. Jimmy C. Williams	September 17
Rev. Lester Ormond	September 23
Rev. Melvin Narron	September 26

FUNERAL SERVICE

Ida Estelle Batchelor was born to Luther and Rosa Batchelor on July 22, 1926. She passed away at Wilson Memorial Hospital on Sunday, June 25, 2000, as a result of a stroke she suffered 3½ weeks earlier on Friday, June 2. She is survived by two brothers: Jesse Willard (Doc) Batchelor of Sharpsburg, and Luther Junior Batchelor of Wilson, along with several nieces and nephews. She had two other brothers, William (Bill) and Johnnie Batchelor, and two sisters, Doris Powell and Mae Pridgen, all of whom are deceased. She was never married and had no other immediate family.

She was saved in the spring of 1949 and joined the Thompson Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church shortly afterward. She remained a faithful member until suffering the stroke shortly before her death.

She held a Local Church Minister's License (formerly Mission Worker's License) and served many years as an evangelist, despite having been crippled by rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 13. She also served the Vicks Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church briefly as an interim pastor.

Her funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 27, with Reverend Reuben O. Mosley and Pastor Malcolm C. Burney officiating.

She was a precious lady, whom I have been blessed to know most of my life.

Superintendent Long

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The R. M. Stewart Christian Learning Center (CLC) was officially opened on July 22, 2000. The purpose of the Center is to build upon the lifetime of Christian service of Reverend R. M. Stewart. A minister, Bible scholar, and noted pastor-teacher, Stewart gave his life ministering to others. On February 16, 1999, Stewart passed away and left behind a "gold mine" of Christian materials and resources that he created through his 45 years of work in local churches and two Bible colleges.

Known for his love of books, Stewart had developed a library of over 13,000 volumes. These books now are the R. M. Stewart Memorial Library in Falcon, North Carolina, at the headquarters building of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. A study library, this magnificent collection is now being used by pastors and other full-time Christian workers to increase their understanding and strengthen their skills. The Falcon location was chosen because as a youth, he grew up in the Upper South Carolina Conference of that denomination, and over the years that relationship had been very special to him.

As great as his collection of books was, an even greater resource is in the materials that he created. Sermons, college courses, seminars, workshops, and special events are all a significant part of this treasure. He left behind literally thousands of materials in text and audio formats. Realizing the great resource that this is, his wife, Annie, and two sons, Marshall and Chris, agreed that these materials should be shared with the world. Therefore, the R. M. Stewart Christian Learning Center was established as a means of sharing this storehouse of materials. The CLC is a web-based organization that can be contacted at: **www.rmstewartcenter.com**. The mission statement of the organization is ***"Bringing People to Christ...Growing People in Christ."***

In addition to the resource materials on the web site, there is also a biography and photo album of his life that is available for all visitors. Each month, new materials will be available on the site. If you have questions regarding the CLC and/or any new materials that might become available in the future, please contact us at:

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. Marc Swanner announce the birth of their son, Marc Anthony II. He was born on July 17 at 4:45 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Rev. Swanner is pastor of New Covenant P.H. Church in Warrenton.

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INDEPENDENCE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH REVIVAL

The official date of our revival with Rev. Chris Thompson was June 30 through July 2, but we are pleased to report that revival continues in our church.

We advertised the revival as "Camp Meeting Style – Welcome, Holy Ghost" on the outside church sign. God did and is continuing to honor us with His presence and manifestation as a result of prior weeks of prayer time on Tuesday nights at the church. If we expect to receive so much of God's blessings, it is imperative to prepare ourselves in advance. He never fails when we do our part.

We had souls saved, hearts sanctified, and people filled and refilled with a fresh anointing of the Holy Ghost. People were healed physically as well as emotionally as result of family problems. There is nothing like leaving our burdens at the altar and leaving with victory over everything that touches our lives.

We thank Brother Chris for taking the time from his busy schedule to come to our church and for such an anointing upon his life that reached out and touched the hearts and lives of those under his ministry at each and every service.

We would also like to mention the attendance of Brother Chris' mother in our last night of revival, as well as our Conference Superintendent, Brother Long. It was an honor to have both. We are so blessed to be a member of a conference with great men of God who take time for the large and small church churches. May God bless you.

To God be the glory for great things He has done and is doing for Independence Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Church Reporter

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

Reverend J. C. Miles

Rev. Wayne A. Knight of the Western North Carolina Conference has highly recommended Rev. J. C. Miles for revivals.

Rev. Miles is an ordained minister in the Western North Carolina Conference. He has been active throughout his 30 years of service as an evangelist, bus ministry, Sunday School Superintendent, and teacher at the Lexington First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He has conducted revivals in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and North and South Dakota. He can be reached at:

1964 South NC Hwy 150
Lexington, NC 27295
336-853-8572

D. Chris Thompson

PEGGY DIXON HONORED

Aubrey Elizabeth (Peggy) Dixon will celebrate her 70th birthday in April 2001. She was awarded a birthday cake and love offering at Camp Meeting.

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SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

"Men's Fall Advance"

Ronnie Basden

This is a special month for men of the North Carolina Conference. On September 15-16, the Men's Fall Advance will be held at the Falcon Conference Training Center. Our main speaker will be Bishop James Leggett, and the theme this year is ***"The Vision of a Mighty Man."***

I am looking forward to a special time of men coming together for worship, fellowship, prayer, singing, fun...a great time!

Plan to be with us and check the following: (1) If you haven't registered for the Advance or the golf tournament on September 15, call (910) 323-4777. (2) Plan now to kidnap your pastor and treat him to two great days. (3) Join us and help welcome our Bishop back home, and...(4) Expect the Lord to move.

See you at the Advance.

Calendar Dates to Check:

September	15-16	Men's Fall Advance ... Falcon, N.C.
October:	1	Pastor Appreciation ... (if you need help or materials, call (910) 323-4777). This is a joint Men's Ministries/Women's Ministries annual event.
	12-14	The 2000 National Conference on Ministry to Men ... in Atlanta. (Call 910-323-4777 for more information).
	15-21	Lay Witness Week

Check this!

The 2000 National Conference on Ministry to Men

The dates are October 12-14 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott, Atlanta, Georgia.

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LINES FROM LINDA...

I am a bumper sticker reader! I find it quite interesting to read the messages people project. You've seen them. *HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS. I DON'T CARE HOW THEY DID IT UP NORTH. DON'T BLAME ME, I VOTED REPUBLICAN.* A bumper sticker always tells you something about the person who put it there.

MY CHILD IS AN HONOR STUDENT AT WEST STREET SCHOOL. That parent is obviously proud of his/her child. I recently saw an interesting one that read, *MY CHILD BEAT UP YOUR HONOR STUDENT.* Naturally, I wondered what kind of person was driving that car.

People use bumper stickers to promote their favorite political candidate. As a matter of fact, I have one on my car at the present time. SCOTT THOMAS FOR SENATE. Scott is our oldest son, so naturally Mom is helping him in his campaign.

I saw a bumper sticker the other day, though, that really captured my attention. Nothing fancy, just a plain red and white sticker that read *SHOW UNBRIDLED ENTHUSIASM.* I visualized the person who would bear this message as one who is vibrant and exuberant. I don't know what excites that driver or what he/she is enthusiastic about, but when I read the bumper sticker, it spoke a message to me.

I guess the key word in that bumper sticker is *unbridled.* What does it mean? I grew up on a farm. I watched my Daddy put the bridle on our horse or mule many times. The bridle headgear carried the bits and reins which allowed my father to govern the direction of the animal. It served as a restraint to keep the horse in his control.

I know very well that all of us express ourselves differently, but I can't help but wonder if perhaps some of us are bridled. Does the influence of other ideals have control over us to the extent that we are not free to show the proper enthusiasm for the Lord Jesus Christ? Are we guilty of quenching the prompting of the Holy Spirit in order not to offend anyone? Are we afraid to show enthusiasm about our salvation for fear of how the world will label us?

I am reminded of a statement I read in the Assemblies of God magazine several years ago. I don't know who wrote it, but I copied it on the flyleaf of my Bible. *"One of the church's greatest losses has been fervent, spontaneous, uninhibited praises by the children of God."*

I agree that the church loses something when we fail to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and allow ourselves to worship freely. That is not to say that every person should clap or dance in worship. Some may have a very quiet demeanor; but, no matter what our personality or worship style, when the Holy Spirit deals with us, our hearts must be open and our spirits free to respond in praise ... fervent, spontaneous, uninhibited praise.

Enthusiasm is contagious. Enthusiasm will attract. If we are enthusiastic about God's work and will openly, freely worship Him, people will want to join us. We must not be bound by tradition. We must be responsive to God's leading and excited about His business. The only bridle we need is the bridle of the Holy Spirit, with the bits and reins in God's control.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT RALLY

Excitement was high, and the air was filled with voices of the women from the Rocky Mount District when they met for a Women's Ministries Rally on May 20. Eleven churches were represented when they met at Vaughan's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Elm City, NC. The theme was *"God Accepts Us As We Are ... And So Should We."* Reverend T. P. Davis, pastor of Vaughan's Chapel, and Lorraine Langley, local WM Director, opened the rally by welcoming all the ladies.

Carol Davis, Rocky Mount District WM Director, gave a devotion entitled, *"What Do You See?"* She related the account of Simon the Pharisee inviting Jesus to dine with him in his house and a woman who was washing Jesus' feet. Carol noted that Simon saw the woman as a sinner as she washed Jesus' feet, but Jesus saw her as a lost soul, hurting and in need of forgiveness. She asked those present to check their attitudes concerning those who may be different ... whether they are seen as persons who are lost or just as problems. She reminded those present that people should be seen the way Jesus sees ... with love and compassion.

Door prizes, which were provided by the Women's Ministries groups attending, were awarded to the ladies whose numbers were drawn. A get-acquainted game was played. The highlight of the rally was a fashion show in which participants walked down the runway displaying their latest creations. This fashion show was one of a kind, with original fashions depicting the fact that you may not always get what you expect. For example, the print dress turned out to be a fashion made of newspaper. Mavis House, the Hobgood PH Church WM Director, did a great job as Mistress of Ceremonies. The sanctuary was filled with laughter and smiles, as the fashions were both creative and comical.

Following the program, the ladies enjoyed refreshments and a time of Christian fellowship.

Thanks to the ladies of the Rocky Mount District, the rally was a great success.

Submitted by Carol Davis
Rocky Mount District WM Director

Models pose with District Director Carol Davis following the fashion show at the Rocky Mount District WM Rally.

REELSBORO SENIOR CITIZENS HONORED

Reelsboro P. H. Church Women's Ministries hosted a Senior Citizen's Luncheon in June in the fellowship hall of the church. All persons in the community who are 70 and older were invited. Thirty-two people were served by the young ladies and Missionettes of the church. Those present enjoyed a menu of fruit terrine with raspberry sauce, pork medallions with caramelized onions, savory white and wild rice, zucchini and yellow squash casserole, marinated vegetable

medley, buttered parmesan French bread, lemon meringue cake, and decaffeinated tea and coffee. Tablecloths were white with light blue napkins and were decorated with blue and white hydrangeas. The flowers were given, by random drawing, as door prizes. A ladies' trio provided Gospel music following lunch. Guests were given favors of chocolate-covered peanut butter balls to take home with them. This was a happy occasion of fellowshiping with old and new friends, as only ten of the guests present were from the church.

Reelsboro senior citizens enjoy luncheon sponsored by Women's Ministries.

YUMMY AMBROSIA SALAD

For Sunday lunch or group entertaining, you might like this salad as a side dish or even a dessert. It yields 10 to 12 small servings.

1 small package instant pistachio pudding
1 16-ounce can chunky pineapple
1 8-ounce can crushed pineapple
1 cup shredded coconut
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
12 to 16 ounces of nondairy whipped topping (thawed)
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1 small jar drained maraschino cherries (optional)

In a large bowl, mix the two types of pineapple and sprinkle the pudding on top. Let the mixture sit for 3 minutes. Combine nuts and coconut; fold into the mixture. Slowly blend in the whipped topping and marshmallows. Refrigerate for a minimum of 2 hours before serving. Add drained cherries for color as well as taste.

You can make individual servings in sherbet or wine glasses and sprinkle with a dash of cinnamon sugar for a beautiful presentation.

A MERRY HEART

A mother was teaching her three-year-old The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, the child repeated it after the mother. Then one night the child was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride to the carefully enunciated words, right up to the end. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail. Amen."

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all who have expressed concern regarding my husband, Joe. As many of you already know, he had cancer surgery the first week of August. At the time of this writing, he is recovering at home. He is doing very well, and we do not anticipate further treatment being required.

Your phone calls and cards meant so much to me, but your prayers were the greatest blessing. Please continue to pray for a complete healing and recovery.

Linda

A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The yellow buses are rolling again. School is back in session. We need to be praying for our schools. Teachers, administrators, students ... they all need to be covered in prayer. Your prayers can make a difference.

Mothers, you have a great responsibility and, at the same time, a great opportunity to pray for your children and their schools. Grandmothers, you might have more time than the busy moms to get a prayer group organized.

MOMS IN TOUCH is two or more moms who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers and administrators. Mothers, grandmothers, or anyone willing to pray for a specific child and school are welcome. These are moms who believe that prayer makes a difference.

The purpose of MOMS IN TOUCH is to intercede for children through prayer and to pray that our schools may be guided by biblical values and high moral standards. It is the desire of this organization for God to raise up mothers to intercede for schools around the world. Their goal is to see every school in the United States covered with prayer by 2003.

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D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

2000 GO OFFERING

The cash and pledges at the time of the World Evangelism Service stood at $231,237.40. We are just short of the goal. Hurricane Floyd hindered several churches. We are still working and believing the Lord to reach the goal by November – the month all Go Offerings should be at the Conference office. Last year's offering was over $220,000.00. The offering thus far is a record for North Carolina. Well done, pastors, local directors, and churches!

2000 FALL MISSIONARY INTINERATION

These missionaries will be ministering in the Conference on a regular basis. Others will be coming through for short trips as their schedules allow. Missionaries not only do an excellent job in promoting missions but are greatly used by the Lord in blessing the local church.

Mike & Jennifer Oliver	Israel	Leave Early December 910-980-1372
Ron & Phyllis Roy	Mexico	Here All Fall 910-592-1327
Steve & Betsy Cofer	Europe	Here August 22 - October 2 910-980-1419
*Linwood & Nancy Berry	Spain	Here November to Spring, 2000 910-980-1419
Rose Boyd	C.E. Missionary	Out and In 910-892-6598 or 894-4661
*Harry & Mel Fulmer	London	Fall & Spring
* Sherrill Orvin	People to People	October 11 - 15

*You may contact the Conference Missions Office to help with scheduling.

The six pastors at left were recognized for special help in starting Hispanic churches last year. They are Ron Wooten – Gospel Tabernacle, Jerry Nelson – Westmoreland, Reuben Mosley – Selma, Emmett Turner – Friendship, Ken Milliken – Clinton, (David Robertson accepting), and George Price – Evangel. Well done, Gentlemen!

The Evangelism Board in its regular July meeting appointed certain District Hispanic coordinators. These men will serve to coordinate the Hispanic ministries within the districts. These men will serve as an extension of the Conference co-ordinator's job now held by Rev. John Parker. The appointments are as follows:

District Hispanic Coordinators
July 2000

Clinton, Fayetteville
Fernando Angulo, Coordinator
Gospel Tabernacle
Prince of Peace
Living Waters
Ebenezer
Northwood Temple
Clinton

Raleigh, Wilson
Francisco Concepcion, Coordinator
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Friendship

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Luis Avila, Coordinator
Greenville First
Kinston First
Seven Springs
Washington
Whitley
Wallace
Morehead City

Rocky Mount, Williamston
Manuel Castaneda, Coordinator
La Roca

OPERATION TEACHING TOOLS DEDICATION/OPEN HOUSE

Some 70 friends and supporters attended the Open House and Dedication of OTT New Office and Resource Center held on Sunday July 16.

The dedication program was held in the warehouse. Rev. Elwood Long, North Carolina Superintendent and WMM Board Member, welcomed and gave the invocation.

Worship was led by Pastor Ron Wooten, Gospel Tabernacle. Rev. King White, Sr., gave a testimony of the vision and mission of Missionary Rose Boyd – Operation Teaching Tools. Rose then led the group in a dedication ceremony she wrote, and Rev. Chris Thompson, NC Conference Mission Director, prayed the dedicating prayer.

Friends of OTT provided a reception for all who came. OTT Resource Center is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 to 5:00 and is located on 102 S. Railroad Street in Benson, NC. Volunteers are invited to call the office (919-894-4661) and schedule a time to help in the warehouse.

OVER THE PAST TWO-YEAR TERM APRIL 1998-APRIL 2000

- Participated in over ten pastors' training seminars
- Sponsored and organized 35 C.Ed. training seminars
- Trained more than 2000 C.Ed workers
- Certified 48 OTT training instructors
- Certified OTT coordinators in five countries
- Shipped 25,000 lbs. of resource material to eight countries
- Established a 300-volume pastors' study library in Kenya
- Shipped 25 overhead projectors, numerous chalkboards/marker boards, hundreds of visual aids
- Secured major publishing house that freights over 5,000 lbs. of new Sunday school literature to OTT warehouse
- Receives recycled resource material and teaching tools from hundreds of churches
- Assisted five WMM Bible schools:
  $2,000 for library books
  $1,000 computer lab
  $600 TV/VCR with stand
- Established "International Student" sponsorship
- Supplied five missionaries with new computers
- Ministered, trained, and assessed needs in Europe, East Africa, Central Africa, South Africa, and Latin America

TIMMONS PLAN NEW YORK CITY CHURCH

James and Stella Timmons were present at the recent World Evangelism Service at Camp Meeting. They spoke briefly of their plans to start a Pentecostal Holiness Church in Queens, New York City. This will be the second Pentecostal Holiness Church in New York City – the other being Red Hook. They are working in co-operation with Evangelism USA. Part of the Go Offering this year will go to their project.

James and Stella are a delightful couple. They are members of the Heartland Conference, Oklahoma. At Camp Meeting, over $1200.00 in love offering was received for them and some $250.00 in monthly support. Praise the Lord!

James and Stella are church planters. Churches who support them will qualify for Star #6 in the Star program. They are highly recommended.

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
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GREETINGS, FRIENDS!

Youth Emphasis Night at Falcon Camp Meeting was quite an experience! I would like to share some memories of the evening with you.

First, we were led in praise and worship by the Praise Team from Culbreth Memorial Church, where Rev. J. Danny Nelson is the pastor. There was great anointing, and the several hundred young people in attendance really got involved! This dynamic musical group ministers on a regular basis in its home church.

Another highlight of the evening was the announcement of our conference winner of the Karl Bunkley Sunday School Teacher of the Year Award. This year, the award went to Mr. Jeff Oglesby, of Saint John Church. Jeff has been a teacher for many years and is known by his students for both his creative teaching techniques and his compassion and concern for others. Congratulations, Jeff!!

Every year, there are a number of college scholarships awarded. Some of them are from the CEM Department, using funds raised in the fall Scholarship Candy Drive. Others are given by private individuals: the William and Lea Marshburn Scholarships, the William Wellons Foundation Scholarships, and the Addie Bain Scholarship. A number of fine young people will find their education partially funded because of the generosity of these donors, and because of the diligence with which many of you sell candy!

Special music was provided by the Stedman Youth In Covenant Choir, from the Stedman Church. This fine group is our conference Teen Talent category, and went to Nationals in Daytona Beach in August. They represented our conference well! At the time this article went to press, the results were not in...but I will inform you later how they did!

Saturday was a special night for another reason too. Westa Barefoot, the CEM Secretary for 25 years, has retired. She was presented with 25 red roses, a nice check, and the heartfelt appreciation of all present!

Finally, the night was memorable because of our special guest. Jeff Steinberg was awesome! His unique blend of humor, music, and the Word touched both hearts and funny bones. Although he has every reason to just sit down and do nothing, this unusual man of God travels the world spreading the Gospel wherever he finds an open door.

He and his wife Ellen are touching hearts all over. Thank God for his ministry!

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Remember Harvest Train for Falcon Children's Home Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000

Tuesday, November 21, 2000 is a day when you can share your love and means with the children of Falcon Children's Home. It is a day to give as well as a time to be rewarded because you have given to the welfare and happiness of the children.

You can become a part of the excitement as thousands of people gather to celebrate another successful year and bring donations to ensure the continuance of this ministry.

Your hearts will be touched as you view the happy faces and know you had a part in this joyful occasion.

The administration, staff, and children extend a hearty welcome for you to attend. Bring your gifts of cash and commodities and make this the biggest Harvest Train ever.

T. Elwood Long, Chairman
Falcon Children's Home Board

T. Elwood Long

KINSTON FIRST SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR

On Sunday, August 13, 2000, Kinston First surprised Pastor and Mrs. Bobby Williams with "Pastor's Appreciation Day." What a day it was! The church celebrated Pastor's Appreciation Day but they also honored Pastor Williams for his 40 years in the ministry. He was only 15 years old when he started in the ministry.

Anne Williams writes. "As you know, we have really pastored many fine churches and we have been blessed by those churches in many ways. However, this day was the greatest day that we have ever shared with any congregation.

"On Sunday morning Rev. Clayton Guthrie and his wife Ellen were with us in the morning service. They sang one of Bobby's favorite songs, 'A Day Without A Cloud.' Our daughter-in-law Joy Gurley Williams also sang a special song for us. It was a great service. Brother Guthrie preached a masterpiece sermon. Lunch was provided for our family as well as Brother and Sister Guthrie. These precious folks have been our mentors and friends since we were children.

"On Sunday night many of our family, friends and minister friends were invited to come and enjoy the night service. Each department in the church did something very special for us. The groups included Children's Church, Gravity Ministry, Golden Lights, Sunday School, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Kids N Touch, Choir, and The Blue Grass Band. Jeff Gibson sang 'Canaan Land Is Just In Sight' especially for me. The children of the church made special cards and gave to us. We had a great time reading each one when we arrived home after service.

"Our children, Tyanne and Johnny, sang a very special song for us, 'Farther Along' accompanied by our Music Director Errett Marshburn. Each of the department leaders had been planning this event for months. Tracie Marshbum headed up the planning process."

At the end of the evening service, Associate Pastor Willis Pearson came to the pulpit and told the Williams they were being sent to New York on a special vacation. Their trip included visiting the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church as special visitors and they are to spend some time with Dave Wilkerson and his staff.

Pastor Bobby and Anne Williams

"What a surprise and what love they have shown us. Bobby and I have never expected anything like this from any of our churches but these people in Kinston are the VERY BEST you can find in any church. They love us and we love them." (Quotes from Anne).

A reception was held after the evening service. Diane Hardee, Barbara Gurley and Betty Dunn were in charge of this event.

"I have never in my life seen such a beautiful scene when we walked into the reception area. Cakes were made in all of our favorite motifs. One cake was made as a deer, one as a fish, one as a Precious Memories Figurine, one as an opened Bible, and one as an Angel (I know that one was made for me!) Tables were set up with mementos of our life time together and at all of our churches. It was the most touching experience of our lives."

"What a church we have, I wish every minister in our conference could have an opportunity to know what it is like to pastor such a wonderful group of people. We know that events like this are not provided without a lot of preparation and we sincerely appreciate everything that was done for us by each of our church family."

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CHURCH NEWS

REVITALIZED RED SPRINGS PHC BURNS NOTE

A Note Burning Ceremony was held at the Red Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church, 945 West Third Avenue, on Sunday, July 30, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. Present for this service were Roland Harrell, the N.C. General Conference Secretary-Treasurer, and his wife, Phyllis Harrell; the Interim Pastor Rev. Tim B. Henry; his son, C. T. Henry and wife, Tate Henry; along with the church board, members and friends. This seemingly average, everyday Note Burning Ceremony was anything but "everyday" for the Red Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church, as another miracle in the history of the church had been witnessed. One would probably say, "Well, that's not such a big deal, it happens every day!" But wait till you hear the miracle God has performed in their midst.

As some may know, the Red Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church was officially organized on July 6, 1947, after an extended tent revival that was held on North Main Street (the site where the Watson McNeill house now stands, next to Roscoe's gas station). Thirty-five people united with the church at that time. A few months late,r the tent moved just beyond where the church presently stands (945 West Third Avenue-Maxton Highway). On November 25, 1947, Robbins Mills, Inc. deeded the lot on which to build, and construction began. The first Sunday in the new sanctuary, over 100 people were present to enter their new place of worship.

Note Burning Ceremony

Over the years many changes have taken place, both structural and organizational, as well as spiritual. But the almost remarkable changes have been in the last few years. Things seemed to look bleak and hopeless for the church, as most everyone associated with the church (all but a few faithful members) seemed to have lost all interest, not only in helping to keep the church going financially but in attendance as well. And so, with just a handful of determined Christians, the interim pastor, Rev. Tim B. Henry (an 84-year-old retired minister), was sent to pastor the church. But let me state that this 84-year-old man ain't RETIRED. He is the hardest working "FIREBALL" this church has been blessed with in years. So, along with the Pastor, this handful of dedicated and determined members began to raise money from plate sales and other fund-raising projects. But it seemed that with all they did, it just wasn't enough to keep their heads above water. But, with God in control, "all things are possible" and the MIRACLE began to unfold. At that time, the church owed a little over $43,000. (Not much you might say, but to a church body of only 15-30 people, this was a huge burden.) And in spite of the way things looked, the members knew and believed that this church was founded on FAITH in a Mighty God who was and is in control, and that God's church could not and would not fail. So through fasting and prayer, God began to move upon the heart of a man who lived in Scottsdale, Arizona. This man, C.T. Henry (Pastor T. B. Henry's son), was led by God to write letters to all the churches in the conference and all his friends and associates to donate money to help the church pay off this debt. And from the letters mailed out, the church began to receive a hundred dollars from here, five-hundred dollars from there, and then THOUSANDS started coming in. They even had an atheist to give a thousand dollars (DON'T TELL ME GOD'S NOT IN CONTROL). And so on Sunday, July 30, with a church full of members and friends, including the Conference Secretary and Treasurer, Roland Harrell and his wife, Phyllis, as well as C. T. and Tate Henry, they watched the result of the miracle of their indebtedness of $43,000 PAID IN FULL in a little over a year (18 months from the date Pastor T. B. Henry arrived, and 13 months after C. T. Henry's letter went out), as the NOTE WAS BURNED.

The outcome of this wonderful miracle has been that the church's attendance has increased, their faith has been renewed, and the Holy Spirit – ever present – is moving in the hearts and lives of the old and young alike. Many are being saved, and the young are becoming more involved in witnessing and inviting people, no matter what race or ethnic background, to come join in and see the mighty move of God and His wondrous blessings in their church and in their lives.

REV. WESLEY E. PEYTON, EVANGELIST

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Rev. Wesley E. Peyton will celebrate 40 years of ministry in February 2001. Born into a family of ministers in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, he has served in pastoral ministry for 28 years. He also served as Superintendent of the Mid-Atlantic Conference as well as conference evangelist for the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Rev. Wesley E. Peyton

He authored a book *The Power of Faith* and was speaker on the radio broadcast "Calvary Calling," as well as featured in the television ministry of Reality Gospel Church in Alexandria, VA.

Rev. Peyton is married to Jeanie. They have two children and three grandchildren. In June 2000, he resigned as pastor to re-enter evangelistic ministry. The theme of his ministry is "Fresh Oil" with emphasis on the anointing and family salvation.

Pastor/Teacher

Merrill Davis

Ten Lies About God: And How You Might Already Be Deceived. By Erwin Lutzer. Nashville: Word Publishing, 2000. 238 pp. $19.99

This book by Erwin Lutzer, senior pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago, provides an excellent treatment on the subject of Satanic deception concerning our Maker that has become prominent even in the Christian Church. Satan's policy has always been to conceal himself and his evil works whenever possible from the world and the Church. Incredibly, much of the modern world disbelieves his existence. Even the professing Church has developed a smug complacency concerning the Enemy of our souls and his diabolical tactics

Screwtape's advice to Wormwood his nephew, *"The safest road to Hell is the gradual one the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts,"* suggests that Satan's method is to lull people into believing half truths and satisfying them with subtle, hidden lies that give a semblance of truth, and yet prove to be separated from true truth as purgatory is from hell.

Lutzer challenges the accuracy of ten common beliefs about God. They are (1) God is whatever we want Him to be; (2)Many paths lead into God's presence; (3) God is more tolerant than He used to be; (4) God has never personally suffered; (5) God is obligated to save followers of other religions; (6) God takes no responsibility for natural disasters; (7) God does not know our decisions before we make them; (8) The Fall ruined God's plan; (9) We must choose between God's pleasure and our own; (10) God helps those who help themselves.

His premise is simple. The clearer we see God, the clearer we see ourselves. The reason why humanity at large fails to see itself in reality is because of a blurred or darkened understanding of the person and works of God. The clearer our theology, the better we understand ourselves. When we think clearly about God and derive our knowledge of God from the Bible alone, then our understanding about sin, Satan, suffering, holiness, righteousness, salvation, and the future definitely improves.

This book makes for fascinating reading. For example, the subtle lie that God does not know our decisions before we make them has found its way into the modem church. The idea that God is finite is foreign to Scripture, and yet there are Christian professors who advocate that God knows only potentialities, not actualities This implies that God is "ignorant" about some things, which such belief doesn't deserve the time of day. In addition, how many well meaning Christians believe that "God helps those who help themselves," is actually a verse in the Bible? The truth is that God helps those who cannot help themselves. For example, if we could save ourselves, then the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ would have been unnecessary. Without Jesus Christ, we can do nothing.

The Apostle Paul warned that the last days would be spiritually perilous. An inadequate view of God only augments such peril. Therefore, this is a helpful book for the determined reader.

Superintendent, continued from page 2

"Kinston First, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We love you. Pastor Bobby and Anne." (Reported by Anne Williams)

Note from Conference Superintendent Long:

Brother Bobby Williams serves on the Conference Board. We have a great Conference Board. Pastor and Mrs. Williams are worthy of the love and respect shown them so graciously by Kinston First. I only hope that many more of our deserving pastors and spouses would be honored by the people they serve. I realize some churches may not be able to do as much as this one did for their pastor and wife, but they could do their very best in harmony with their resources. Local church leaders, please heed my admonition. Treasure your pastoral family.

Superannauted Birthdays for October

Rev. Raymond Milligan	October	1
Rev. J. Doner Lee	October	2
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October	3
Rev. William C. Dunning	October	6
Rev. W. B. Satterfield	October	13
Rev. Thomas Conway	October	14
Rev. Linwood Manning	October	15
Rev. Pauline Knowles	October	18
Rev. Ethel Bailey	October	29
Rev. Louise Smith	October	31

Pastoral Assignments since May 21, 2000

Albritton	Jerry Miller	June	4
Calvary	Sandra Nowiski	June	14
Hopewell	Ron Proctor	June	4
Manley Grove	Randall Woodard	June	11
Wakelon	Willie Shaw	May	21
Westview	Jack Owens	June	26
Highest Praise	Lyndon Purifoy (Interim)	July	2
Grifton	Jobie E. Heath	August	2
Maranatha	Richard Robinson	August	6
Micro	Shelton Whitman	August	6

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

"Dispelling the Ministry Myth"

Ronnie Basden

Ray Hughes, Jr., shared with us that, "For many years there has been a belief by many that 'ministry' is just for 'ministers.' In their book ***The Lay Ministry Revolution,*** *Eddy Hall and Gary Morsch dispel many of the old ideas promoting the myth about ministry. They explain that the myth has no doubt kept millions of Christians from viewing themselves as ministers and recognizing God's call on their lives, thus paralyzing them and keeping them from doing God's will.*

"More than four decades ago, Elton Trueblood wrote, 'If the average church should suddenly take seriously the notion that every lay member – man or woman – is really a minister of Christ, we could have something like a revolution in a very short time.' We find today that the churches that are really growing and making a difference are utilizing the laity to a great extent. A return by all churches to this New Testament approach to ministry could indeed start a revolution.

"It is difficult to ascertain where the myth first arose since we do not find its origin in Scripture. The New Testament is very clear on this issue and points out that every Christian has been given one or more spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 12 4,7; Ephesians 4:11). Thus; all Christians are called, whatever their vocation, to share the love of Christ with others and take the needs and concerns of people everywhere to God.

"When members of a local congregation begin to view themselves as ministers, the bulk of the ministry begins to take place outside the sanctuary. One of the main purposes then of coming together as a congregation is equipping the members for ministry. What is happening throughout the week in the community as members use their ministry gifts becomes vitally important to the life of the church and promotes real church growth.

"The impact this book ***The Lay Ministry Revolution*** *leaves with us is – If I am a Christian, I am called to minister."*

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone"

DISASTER RELIEF – NOW!

On August 25-26 over 65 men and women from the Cornerstone and the North Carolina Conferences met at the Cornerstone Conference Training Center to undertake "Disaster Recovery Team" training. Instructional teams were provided by both the North Carolina Baptist Men and the North Carolina Conference Men's Ministries. Training involved familiarizing participants with three of the areas of Disaster Recovery Team (DRT) operations: debris and chain saw operations, mud-outs, and construction. It was a great two days... trees were dropped, shingles repaired, and mud-out operations learned. Enthusiasm was high, and when the training ended, the Culbreth Memorial PHC had 21 members volunteer to take on a home restoration project in Grifton, NC. That area had over 400 homes damaged, and still over 300 are in need of repair The North Carolina Conference DR USA "assessment team" did an inspection and came up with the requirements to fix the home. Culbreth Memorial DRT will begin work immediately.

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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA ...

Recently my "forever friends" (we met in first grade) and I spent a few days together at the beach. This has become a summer ritual for us, and each year we look for something a little different to do to occupy our time together. We learned that another of our life-long buddies had, since his retirement, started working part-time for a tour group in the area. He invited us to take one of his tours. So early one morning we packed our lunch and geared up with mosquito spray and drove to Harkers Island. There we found the dock from which Mule Train tours embarked. We boarded the ferry boat and soon were headed across the sound. Cape Lookout was our destination. Upon arrival, Bud (as Bill Blair is affectionately known to me) directed us to the lighthouse keeper's house, which is now a museum. We browsed there and read about the history of the island and the lighthouse. The Cape Lookout Lighthouse, with its distinctive black-and-white diamond pattern, is the most famous landmark on Core Banks. We learned that the lighthouse had been built in the 1850s on the site where an earlier lighthouse was built in 1812. It was built to signal the whereabouts of the treacherous Cape Lookout shoals.

We soon were invited to load onto the back of a quaint pick-up truck turned beach buggy. As we set out over sandy paths, Bud stopped frequently to share with us points of interest regarding the island. Some of what he told us was historical fact; however, much was based on folklore...and some of it was "Blair fabricated," as he is quite a storyteller. We saw the ghost forest of oak and cedar, gnarled and barren in the midst of sand dunes. He showed us the sea turtle habitats protected from predators by wire mesh spread over their nests in the sand. We visited the one remaining neighborhood, just a few houses which have been grandfathered in as the National Park Service has taken over the island. The few structures left will soon have to be abandoned. We even met up with a long-time friend, David Yeoman, who spends his summers there at his old home place. He, too, shared a story and a song with us.

Touring and learning the history of this part of God's creation made for a fun-filled and adventuresome day. But all the while we toured, talked, and laughed, standing towering over us was the dominant feature of the island, the Lighthouse. I had admired it in photos before the visit. It quickly caught my eye as we traveled toward it on the ferry boat. But as we approached it on land and stood in its shadow, I seemed to feel the significance of that long-standing and life-saving structure.

As I viewed the lighthouse, I saw a tall building, very simple in design with its only unique attribute being the diamond design painted on it. It reminded me of a huge smokestack rising out of the sand. However, I knew the foundation upon which it is built must be solid rock in order for it to have withstood 150 years of weather and storms. At the top I saw a glass enclosure housing a very powerful light. As I studied the structure, I began to make a spiritual analogy.

As Christians, we are designed to be lighthouses. We are each unique and different in shape and design. Though we may appear to the world to be just another person on the sinking sand of time, our foundation is sure, for we are built on the Solid Rock. We are designed by God to guide people safely through the journey of life. How do we do this?

Though the stark black-and-white diamond design on the structure of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse is quite beautiful, it is of very little value to the lost sailor on a dark night or rainy day. Without the light at the top of its tower, it is not visible very far. The light is what makes the lighthouse worthwhile and purposeful. As the light sends out its beam, sailors are able to steer their ships safely away from the danger zone.

As human beings, without the Light of Jesus shining forth from us, we are just another physical "structure." However, as we stand firmly planted on the Rock and allow His light to shine through us, we can be spiritual lighthouses directing others to places of eternal safety.

I remember Bud telling us how the lighthouse keepers in years past had to climb the tower to clean the mirrors that reflect the light and the windows through which the light shines. That reminds me that I need to keep my life clean so the Light of Christ can shine brightly through me.

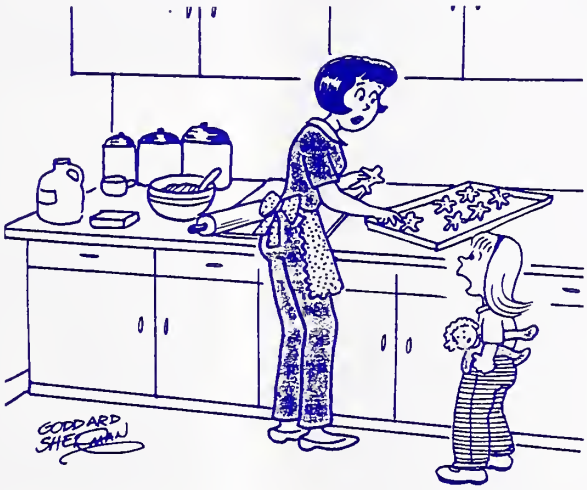
Well, I feel like my day at Cape Lookout was well spent. I enjoyed my visit. I enjoyed the time with my friends. And...as I was reminded that God has designed me to be a Lighthouse, I was spiritually enriched as well. God grant that my light will shine brightly to help those who are lost in the storms of life to find safety and prevent shipwreck.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify you Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16

NEVER A DULL MEETING...

Several years ago, the Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries group was in desperate need of a "face lift." Many changes were needed to meet the demands of the 21st-century women. Among the negatives was the fact that our meetings were being held on Tuesday evening, which required our women to be away from their families an additional night. I approached our pastor about the possibility of having the WM meeting on a Wednesday night during our regularly scheduled service. As a result, we established "Family Night." The Men's Ministries, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, and Women's Ministries now meet separately for a time of fellowship once a month. Our scheduled meeting time is from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is amazing what can be accomplished in an hour! We utilize every minute to the fullest. Consequently, our attendance and enthusiasm have flourished.

In our August meeting, after a brief business session, two of our younger members, Stacey Thompson and Lisa Price, did a short skit entitled "Installing Love." It compared installing love in our hearts with installing software on a computer. Stacey then gave the devotion, taken from Gary Chapman's book, *The Five Love Languages*. She reminded us that not all feel loved in the same way. She also challenged us to identify the love language of our family members and to express that love with sincerity.



"How about making Gingerbread Ladies once in a while!"

Then came "FUN TIME." First, we had door prizes, and then I asked for volunteers to participate in an activity. Naturally, I did not reveal what their mission was to be until they came forward. From the kitchen I carried large bowls of delicious watermelon. You guessed it! We had a "Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest." The little girl tucked away inside each of us came out as we giggled and spit!

Our intent has been to never have another dull meeting, and we truly accomplished that again at the August meeting. I challenge you to ask God to anoint your creativity. Go beyond the ordinary and enjoy your time of fellowship. Make every minute count, and watch your Women's Ministries EXPLODE with fun and excitement.

Submitted by Janice Marshburn
Jacksonville PH church WM Director

IT'S TIME TO VOTE

In America we are blessed to live in a democracy... a privilege that is not enjoyed in many places in the world. Citizens here can have a say in the decisions of government through the electoral process. On the first Tuesday in November, people all over America will go to the polls to cast votes for the persons who they feel are best qualified to represent their respective political and societal viewpoints.

It is important for us to exercise this right. However, before we go to the polls, we should educate ourselves on the positions of candidates. It is very easy to be fooled by the political rhetoric which we view on the television. We are often easily swayed by what we read in the newspaper. Many are influenced by what peers say about a candidate. However, in order to qualify ourselves to vote intelligently, we need to study the issues and the position which each candidate not only speaks but also practices. Check the voting record of incumbent candidates. Study the personal viewpoints of new names.

It is also important not to be single-focused in our decision making process. It is sometimes easy to lose sight of the big picture because of being so stuck on one issue. Whether Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or whatever ... it is important that we not be so party oriented that we put party above principle. There are good Christian candidates in all parties who should be considered on the basis of personal qualifications rather than how some people perceive their party affiliation.

It is not our intent to influence how you vote. In fact, your intelligence would be insulted by anyone trying to do so. How you vote is your private business. That is why there are curtains on the voting booths. It is our intent, though, to remind you that voting is a privilege which has been granted to us, and we should exercise that right. As we do so, we are fulfilling our Christian obligation to our nation. We are paying homage to our forefathers and foremothers who fought for us to have this privilege. Let us unite in prayer for our nation. Let us pray for those people who are running for public office. Prepare yourself to make a good choice, and be sure to go the polls on November 7.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

ATTENTION LADIES

When was the last time you performed a breast self-exam? Sure, it's easy to forget and isn't the most fun thing to do. But this October – Breast Cancer Awareness Month – make it a priority. Then remind a friend.]

Here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- Lie on your back with your arm extended over your head.
- Check the whole area from your collarbone to your lower bra line and from the middle of your armpit to the center of your chest.
- Use the flat side of all four extended fingers to apply medium pressure in overlapping, up-and-down rows throughout the area (a method determined more effective than going in circles).
- Spend about three minutes per breast for a thorough examination.
- Jot the date of your next monthly self exam on your calendar.

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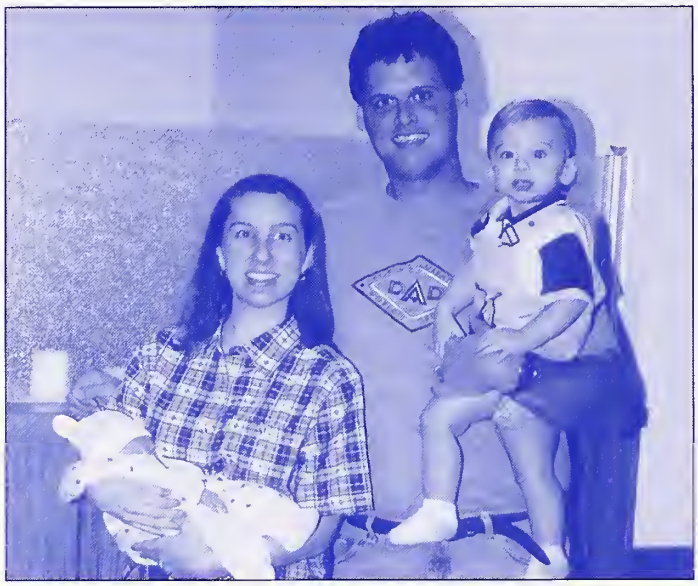
"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

NEW MISSIONARY?



The Oliver Family

Mike and Jennifer have been blessed with a healthy baby boy. Jared Michael was born August 31 at 1:30 a.m. He weighed in at 6 lbs. and 10 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. His older brother Ethan likes him, but keeps waving "bye, bye" to him.

Pray for Mike and Jennifer. They are urgently needed in Israel. The Coffee House Manager has resigned. Mike is needed to continue the ministry. They must raise another $1,500 per month before they can leave. Everyone can pray. Those who are able to pledge additional support should contact Director Chris Thompson or Mike at 910-980-1372.

THE LORD IS AT WORK!
Christie Baker

Praise the Lord, Christie has finished raising her support. She has tentatively been given October 16 to leave for Zimbabwe. She will be working with Joe and Maggie Delport.

Christie has worked faithfully and diligently during the last year. She not only itinerated but taught school full time and finished her Master's Degree.

Well Done!

Pray for Christie and her family, Joe and Edith Baker, as she begins her ministry.

"GO" OFFERING UPDATE

The cash and pledges stand at $232,000.00. That leaves us about $3,000.00 short of the goal of $235,000.00. Several have sent "extra" funds to reach the goal. If just a few more will respond and everyone meets their pledges, WE WILL REACH THE GOAL. So many have worked so faithful and sacrificially this year. It would be a shame not to reach the goal. We are so close. The funds are so urgently needed for the expansion into new fields.

2000 N.C. CONFERENCE MISSIONS F.E.S.T.

Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training

Saturday, October 14, 2000 – Conference Training Center

Mini F.E.S.T.	Thursday, October 12 – New Bern Area – Berne Restaurant Friday October 13 – Rocky Mount & Williamston Area – Living Faith, Rocky Mount
THEME:	Celebrate the Mission – You Can Be Free
Invited Participants:	Pastors, Ministers, Local Missions Directors, Local Committee Members (spouses of each) and anyone interested in missions.
Special Guests:	Sherrill Orvin – People to People Rose Boyd – Operation Teaching Tools Ron & Phyllis Roy – Mexico Ben & Marianne Jansen – Europe Mike and Jennifer Oliver – Israel Harry & Mel Fulmer – London

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00	Registration, Displays, Coffee, Danish
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome, Orders of the Day – Director Thompson
9:15 - 9:45	Devotion- Sherrill Orvin
9:45 - 10:30	OTT Operation - Rose Boyd
10:30	Introduction of Missionaries – Director Thompson
10:30 - 11:00	Break – Displays and Refreshments
11:00 - 11:45	Israel – Mike Oliver
11:45 - 12:30	People to People – Sherrill Orvin
12:30 - 1:00	Missions Potpourri – Director Thompson
1:00	Lunch & Displays

MINI - F.E.S.T. SCHEDULE

6:30 - 7:10	Dinner
7:10	Welcome – Director Thompson
7:15	Devotion – Sherrill Orvin
7:45 - 8:00	OTT Operation – Rose Boyd
8:00 - 8:15	Israel – Mike Oliver
8:15 - 8:45	People to People Sherrill Orvin
8:45	Missions Potpourri – Director Thompson
9:00	Displays and Fellowship

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH

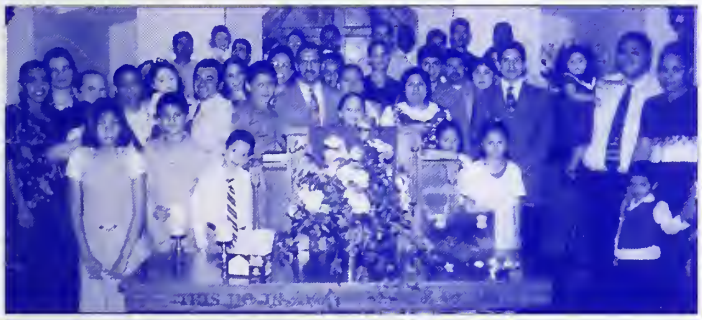
On Friday night, September 1st, John Parker, Conference Hispanic Coordinator, and I met with sixty-one excited people at the Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness Church. The purpose of the service was to "worship the Lord" and to officially organize the church. It was a great service.

The church was organized with forty-one charter members. To

God be the Glory! The church is pastored by Rev. Gabriel Rodriquez and his lovely wife Elizabeth.

The church since its inception has been meeting at the Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pastor Anthony Rogers and his congregation are to be commended for their faithfulness and sacrifice in sharing their beautiful building with this fine Hispanic congregation. May many other congregations catch their vision.

Ebenezer Leadership
L to R - Church Board, Pastor Rodriquez, Pastor Rogers, Rev. John Parker



Ebenezer Congregation - September 1, 2000

METHODS & HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR HISPANIC CHURCH PLANTING

There are as many different ways to start a Hispanic Church as there are church members and present churches. The Holy Spirit is creative. He works in many different ways.

The very best way to start Hispanic churches is for other churches to start churches. Following is a list of benefits for Anglo churches to start Hispanic churches and some possible problems.

Benefits in Starting a Church

1. The church is aware that it is carrying out a clear command of the Lord to make disciples and establish His work in the world.
2. Anglos who are unable to be foreign missionaries are privileged to help begin a work that is crossing cultural and racial barriers.
3. God may use this cross-cultural ministry to call a worker to foreign missionary service.
4. Giving Anglos become recipients of God's special blessing. "You can't outgive God." A Church gives its building and equipment, and it will be given back good measure pressed down and shaken together.
5. Tangibly seeing the fruit – the other church growing.
6. The feeling of a Home Mission Project.
7. Self-satisfaction as a minister helping another minister.
8. The Spanish congregation always helps on workdays of the church.
9. It will erase bigotry.
10. Educated to another culture – both ways.
11. Possible personal church growth – when the Spanish people meet Americans they will tell them to go to your church.
12. Often there are experts among this group that meet special needs of the Anglos.

Potential Problems

1. Prejudice will arise in the hearts of some of the Americans.
2. Extra wear and tear on building and equipment.
3. If something is wrong, the Spanish people are the first to get the blame.
4. Their standard of cleanliness is different from yours.
5. Existing Anglo church becomes resentful of somebody using what is theirs.
6. Time usage - they want more than you want to give them.

Practical Suggestions

1. The Spanish church should carry some burden.
2. Make a written contract.
3. Provide them space for their own supplies.
4. The American church should invite them to their events – work days, revivals, dinners, etc.
5. Make a list of guidelines for the Spanish church, such as times of building use, who has keys, what they can and cannot use, etc.
6. The pastor should never speak negatively about the Spanish church to his congregation.
7. The American pastor should never look down at the Spanish pastor but rather perceive him as a coworker.
8. They need their own sign.
9. A short term of two to three years.
10. The Anglo pastor must always side with the Spanish congregation.
11. Know who has the keys and forbid reproductions.
12. All "official" communications between the two groups should only be done through the pastor or the assigned person.
13. The two pastors must talk out their basic beliefs.
14. An ultra-legalistic Spanish church should not use a more liberal church's facility.
15. Joint services should be planned occasionally to allow the people time to worship together. This will bond the people.
16. Both should celebrate together the salvation of souls.

CONFERENCE ARCHIVES TRAINING

NOVEMBER 4,2000 – Conference Training Center

Theme:	Pentecostal Holiness Archives - An Overview, Putting It all Together
Participants:	Local Church Archivists, Pastors, Other Clergy, and Interested Personnel
Pre-Registration:	Requested but not Required
Registration Fee:	None
Guest Speakers:	Dr. Daniel Woods, Author and Professor at Ferrum College Dr. Vinson Synan, noted Historian, Author, Dean of School of Divinity, Regent University

SCHEDULE

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9:05 - 9:30 a.m.	Devotion – Dr. Daniel Woods
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Session I – An Overview – General Church Archives – Dr. Vinson Synan
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	N.C. Conference Archives Director Thompson
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Session II – An Overview – Conference Archives – Dr. Vinson Synan
11:l5-11:45 a.m.	Break
11:45 - 12:30 a.m.	Session III – An Overview – Local Church Archives – Dr. Vinson Synan
12:30 - Until	Self-Guided Tours of Falcon

David Wheeler
Church Education Ministries Director

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHURCH?

Our denominational emphasis is ***ministry***, meeting the spiritual, emotional, or physical needs of others. Whether or not your church is actively involved in this pursuit and to what degree will be largely determined by how you view the church and how you define its relationship with the lost world.

In Romans 12:2, the apostle Paul wrote: "Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Our ***minds***, along with our spirits, are supposed to be changed by the new life we have in Jesus. In Philippians 2:5 Paul wrote, "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus..." Our minds must line up with His mind if we are to be like Him.

> ***A twisted worldview will warp all you try to do for the Lord.***

The way you look at life determines how you react to situations, how you interact with other people. If your worldview is askew, you will never live the life God intends for you to live. A twisted worldview will warp all you try to do for the Lord.

How do you view the church's relationship with the world? Do you view the church as its own major field of labor, as a defensive fortress to protect the saints from the hostile world, or as a force moving out to gather the harvest that Jesus said is already ripe?

Thinking of the church as the ***field*** means that we believe our evangelism should be centered among those who attend the weekly worship services. The way to get people saved, then, is to get them to come to church. If they do not, we don't have to be concerned about them.

Seeing the church as a ***fortress*** means viewing those outside as a threat. Since anyone outside the fortress is viewed as a threat to the safety of those within, there is no attempt to reach them; after all, they are the reason the fortress was constructed. They are the enemy.

By contrast, if we view the church as a ***force*** for reaping the harvest, those not in church are eagerly sought. They are not viewed as the enemy, but rather as prisoners OF the enemy to be liberated. The church that is striving to be a force in its community will see the necessity of impacting that community.

How we view the church will determine how we design the ministries of the church. If we view the church as the ***field***, all our ministries will be concentrated on reaching those within, and it will actually be viewed as a good thing when there are no ***sinners*** attending the church! If the church is viewed as a ***fortress***, then all the ministries of the church will be intended to protect those within from attack by those without. The church will be viewed as the last obstacle preventing the enemy from destroying the saints. But if the church is viewed as a ***force***, it will deliberately design ministries to expand its influence into the surrounding community.

> ***How we view the church will determine how we design the ministries of the church***

Do you perceive the church as the ***field***, as a ***fortress***, or as a ***force*** for change in today's world? The ministries provided by Church Education are designed to produce churches that are a force in their communities.

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T. Elwood Long

THANKSGIVING

The Church's greatest earthly resource is our people and the ones the Lord will give us in the future. I pause at this Thanksgiving season to praise the Lord for all the dear people He has given us. The following four items of interest revolve around four leaders from bygone days who continue to grace our lives with the spiritual skills with which the Holy Spirit has endowed them.

The first is a prayer by Reverend C.N. Hall, now retired, who is always ready to assist others. He and his dear wife, Mavis, live in Hope Mills and serve through "We Care" ministries.

The second is my account of the birthday celebration for Reverend J. Doner Lee, who officially retired in 1986 after 21 years of serving as Conference Superintendent and many years of pastoral service since 1951. Brother Lee and his lovely wife, Louine, are longtime residents of Falcon.

The third is Rev. Raymond Potter, former North Carolina Conference Board Member. Brother Potter served as secretary of the Conference and as World Missions Director for the North Carolina Conference. He served as field representative for the General World Missions Department of the church for 11 years. Raymond and Shirley reside in Greenville, N. C. Shirley is a great blessing too.

The fourth is the announcement of a reprint of the book *Too Late* by Bishop Leon Stewart of the ALPHA (Alabama) Conference. Bishop Stewart served as General Superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church 1981 – 1989. He continues to pastor accompanied by his dear wife, Donna.

THE RIBBON CUTTING AND DEDICATION OF SOUTHEASTERN DERMATOLOGY, LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, merciful and kind to all of us, age after age, the people of the world seek after Thee and in Thy sight generations pass away, yet Thou are the same. Thou knowest every one of us, Thou callest us by name, and Thou carest for each of us as if Thou hadst no care for any child, save him alone.

We give You thanks today for this wonderful occasion – very special – the ribbon cutting and the dedication of the new facility for Southeastern Dermatology.

We give thanks to Thee, our Father, for Dr. Andrew Hendricks and for the vision and for his work in bringing help and healing to so many of his patients all over the area in the years that have passed in the old facility, and now for the bright future that has been placed in sacred trust to him and his staff by You, our Father, as is being indicated now by this occasion.

We pray that even as we are celebrating this grand occasion and dedicating this property to humanity's good, You will give to Dr. Hendricks and his good staff a greater sense of wisdom and understanding that they are acting in Your stead and doing Your work to assist Your people. As we pray this prayer for them, we also pray for all of our doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals in the area, and may all of them remember the words of Jesus, who said, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME."

Knowing well the impact this medical ministry will have upon the area in bringing help and healing to the people through Southeastern Dermatology, Dr. Hendricks and his good staff, we dedicate the new location, its building and contents, to the help and healing of all who will pass this way, in the Name of the Father, the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Please join with me in praying the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray, when he said:

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, Amen."

Prayer and dedication by
Pastor Conrad N. Hall, Th.G., Th.B., Th.M.
5574 Heather Street
Hope Mills, North Carolina 28348

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REVEREND J. DONER LEE 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 30, was a beautiful day in the life of the North Carolina Conference. We visited the Reverend and Mrs. J. Doner Lee and their family in celebration of his Monday, October 2, birthday. Approximately four hundred guests were present to honor our dear brother and friend.

We began to gather at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria/training center building for a elaborately furnished setting with delightful food provisions and tastefully adorned decor. The catered celebration was marvelous as approximately four hundred of us fellowshiped.

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Rev. & Mrs. Lee

A program of recognition honoring Brother Lee began at 4:00 p.m. Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Don Lee, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Doner Lee. Don served graciously and commendably. Speakers who participated included Mr. Stanley Lee (son of Reverend and Mrs. Lee), Rev. N. Doner Lucas, Rev. Clayton Guthrie, Rev. Wiley T. Clark, Pastor Danny Nelson, and Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long. Concluding the speaking presentations was Bishop James D. Leggett via video greeting.

In addition to the speakers from the conference, Mr. Wayne Lucas, the honorable mayor of Falcon, presented Mr. Lee with a beautiful plaque and read the commendation from the town in appreciation for his many contributions to the town of service and loyalty.

It was a great and joyous occasion in honor of one who has given so much of his life (and continues to do so) to the Church.

Brother Lee, I salute you! (TEL)

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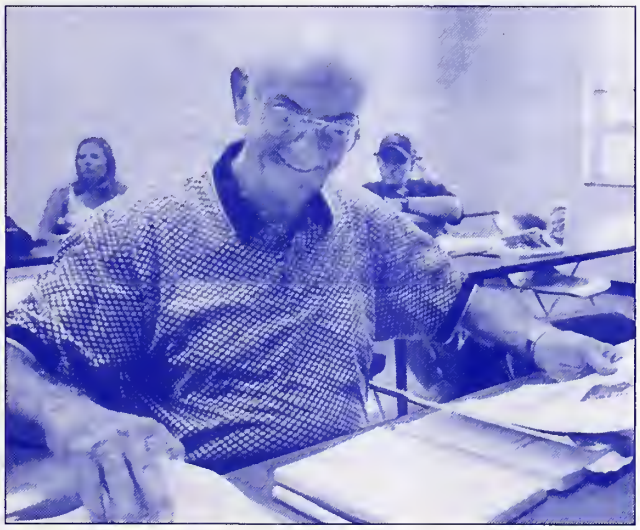
COLLEGE SENIOR
REVEREND RAYMOND POTTER

At the rate he's going, Raymond Potter should graduate from college before he's 75. With honors.

The 71-year-old with a 4.0 grade point average and 54 credit hours under his belt is a different class of student for East Carolina University – a sophomore who's a senior.



Statistically speaking, senior citizen students at ECU are practically nonexistent. Of the more than 15,000 undergraduate students enrolled in 1999, only two were 65 and over. Four senior adults were among the more than 3,000 students enrolled in the university's graduate programs.

No one needs to remind Potter that he's a bit of an anomaly. The retired Pentecostal Holiness minister is sometimes mistaken for a professor instead of a student. A history major, Potter is often surrounded in class by students young enough to be his grandchildren, who are taking notes on events that have happened in his lifetime.

"Probably the most frequently asked question of me is: How do you relate to the students?" Potter said. "Well, the answer to that is: I relate very well. I am here to learn. From that standpoint, the age gap is greatly reduced."

Age is not the only gap that separates senior adults from traditional students. In general, nontraditional students – broadly defined as those 25 and older – outperform their younger counterparts in the classroom.

"It's really neat to watch the nontraditional students," said Shelly Myers, director of adult and commuter student services at ECU. "They tend to do well academically. They're very focused. The motivations are different."

Potter maintains a full schedule. In addition to what is usually a full-time course load, he still spends time in the pulpit as an interim pastor. He also builds computers, plays piano, is an amateur radio operator and a Kiwanis Club member.

"He's a marvelous advertisement for life after 70," said David Long, an assistant professor of history at ECU and one of Potter's instructors. I was impressed with his vitality, with his zest for life. He's a good student. He's always there. He's enthusiastic; he is unembarrassed about it."

After 33 years as a pastor and 11 years with the World Missions Board, the last thing Potter was looking for when he retired at the end of 1993 was a job. He and his wife, Shirley, had planned to do what so many retired couples look forward to – things like traveling, gardening, and spending time with their nine grandchildren. But Potter found retirement unsatisfying.

"I saw that just to be retired was something that gets old after a while," he said.

His search for a new challenge led him just five miles from home to the ECU campus. But the desire for a degree went much further.

After graduating from high school in New Bern, Potter had briefly attended Bible college in South Carolina. He later enrolled at Chowan College, where he made the dean's list. But with a wife, four children and a church to take care of, Potter decided his education would have to wait. He left college, but the idea of college never left him. "I have given commencement addresses in my lifetime and gone to commencement exercises," he said, "and I always felt there was something lacking." When he came to campus in July 1998, he found it. At 69, he enrolled as a freshman. "I wondered about it at his age," Mrs. Potter said. "Why? What is it for? What are you going to do with it? But he may live to be 90 years old. His mind is so good; it's just a shame to waste it. I knew he's always wanted to go back to school. That's his dream. He's always talked about it all the 50 years I've been married to him."

Potter will have to be patient a little longer. Even though he's likely to place out of several courses, it will probably take him another two years to finish his degree. He's thought about adding religious studies as a double major or even going to graduate school. "The sad thing about it is I only have a few years left to use what I have put together," he said. "If I have a regret about all of it, I wish I had started a few years earlier."

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CHURCH NEWS

CALLIE BYRD CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Callie Byrd, also known as Mother Byrd, turned 100 years old September 14.

Described as a virtuous woman, she has lived through the 20th century and continues to be an alert lady. She enjoys singing, reading, wearing jewelry, and is famous for her beautiful homemade quilts. She used the same old Singer sewing machine for 70 years.

Callie Byrd

Respected Matriarch

As a respected matriarch of five generations of her family, she has five children, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was one of the eight children of Johnston County farmer Thomas Byrd and Sallie Rite Johnson Byrd. She and her youngest sister Millie are the last living of the family.

She was born in western Johnston County, attended Piney Grove School, and was always disciplined for using too much of the available oil in the lamp so she could read and study.

At a box lunch, Zeb Byrd bid for Mother Byrd's lunch and with it got a chance to eat it with her. Their relationship began and lasted for 68 years until Mr. Byrd's death in 1980. He was 84. Married in 1916, the year before WWI, all their children were born at home. "I give credit to Jesus for the good health and long life," Mother Byrd said.

Surviving Family

Her surviving family members... Sally Wood, daughter; Z.B. Byrd, son, and wife Marie; Charles Lee, Phil, Steve, and Rodney Byrd, Sandra Daniels, Renée Wood, and Lisa Carlson, grandchildren; Callie, Ann Marie, and Covington Carlson, Zeb and Austin Byrd, Brent and David Massengill, Sandy Barnes, Phil Jr., and Lee Byrd, great-grandchildren; and Tori and Savannah Byrd, great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased family members are her husband Zeb, daughter Geneil, sons Lee Thomas and Lacy Byrd, and granddaughter Dawn Byrd.

Her favorite food is fried sweet potatoes.

Still Active

Don't let Mother Byrd's age fool you. She is still active and attends trips with her senior life group. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Benson, a gold star mother for her son, Lee Thomas' death in WWII, a 50-year member of the Banner Extension Homemakers Club, a member of N.C. Central Aglow, and she has attended all the singing conventions held yearly at the Singing Grove in Benson.

Mother Byrd was the first member of Providence Presbyterial Church and the only living charter member. She was 15 when the church was founded. Mother Byrd has taught school at Piney Grove School, and she also taught Sunday School at Pleasant Hill Church. She is currently a member of Benson PH Church and attends Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn with her daughter Sally. She is a member of the LIFE senior citizens.

She's always been a hard worker, many say. Working hard on the farm, Mother Byrd would awaken at 4 a.m. to barn tobacco. She would cook breakfast, work at the bench, and then get the vegetables.

She would then shell peas and prepare lunch. A dinner was prepared by Mother Byrd daily. The cow was milked, butter was made, and fruits and vegetables were canned. All these things Mother Byrd tended to and along with it tended to her children.

She nursed her brother-in-law Aaron until his death and also her sister-in-law Bessie for several years.

Birthday Party Held

A party was held for Mother Byrd, with guests arriving at her home in Benson bearing gifts, and the florist deliveries arrived. At 6 p.m. the long black limousines began arriving, and Mother Byrd's family members loaded into the limousines. The limousines then journeyed to Raleigh to Swain's Steak House to continue the celebration.

Upon her arrival, Mother Byrd was greeted by the manager and was assisted by the uniformed driver. She was then escorted to the long dining room, which was a private room.

The birthday cake was positioned on a table decorated with numerous flowers.

The cake had the No.100 on the top and was decorated with yellow roses to match the corsage Mother Byrd was wearing. After the enjoyable meal, everyone took pictures and videos.

After several hours of partying, the limousines carried everyone home.

Charles Lee Byrd, Mother Byrd's grandson, planned the birthday celebration.

Symbolizes Social Changes

Mother Byrd symbolizes 100 years of the most dizzying social changes and technological advances in human history. She has watched women get to vote and blacks fight for civil rights. Prohibition came and went, as did two world wars during Mother Byrd's lifetime. The automobile, telephone, airplane, television, and computers have also been born. Mother Byrd watched as rockets blasted into space and segregation became integration.

Mother Byrd says every morning when she wakes up, she says "What a beautiful day; the sun is shining." She has a cheery outlook that is one of the survival characteristics of Mother Byrd.

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MEN'S MINISTRIES

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SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

"Neglected Children"

Ronnie Basden
Men's Ministries Director

One Sunday morning, I was sitting in church looking over the congregation. There in the pews I saw faces I'd known for many years, some for just a few years, and some were very new faces. In fact, these new faces were also brand-new members in the Kingdom of God.

Then as I continued to look around, I became very sad because there were many precious faces missing in the congregation. Faces, again, that had been new to God's kingdom. Tragically, they had slipped through our fingers back into sin. They were back doing what they used to do, doing what they had been comfortable with.

I asked myself, "Why did this happen? Did we as believers do all we needed to do for these new converts to Christ?"

When someone repents and accepts Jesus, he automatically becomes a child of God. In other words, when someone is born again, he becomes a "baby" in Christ!

When children are naturally born into a family, they cannot sit up, walk, talk, or do anything by themselves. They are taught day by day, little by little, to do all these things as they grow.

When someone is spiritually born into God's family, he needs to go through a similar spiritual process. It is the responsibility of mature, "grown-up" Christians to help rear the new "babies" in Christ. They need to be taught and encouraged in Christ day by day, little by little, until they can handle the "meat" of His Word and stand firmly in Him.

If we would accept this responsibility to teach and nurture His "babies," maybe we wouldn't lose so many new Christians back to the world. I believe God is calling us to be spiritual "parents" and take care of His children until they are "grown up" and ready to be spiritual "parents" themselves!

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone"

When you think of the above, have you seen these statistics?

- 7 out of 10 adults have no clue what "John 3:16" means.
- Only 4% of adults could define the "Great Commission," quote John 3:16, and define the word "gospel."
- 68 million men do not attend church.
- The average dad talks 7 minutes a day to his children.
- 36% of children will go to bed tonight without a father in the home.
- 90% of runaway children are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of children with behavioral problems are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of prison inmates are from fatherless homes.

Thought!!!

One thought about our responsibility to help "new babies" in Christ...several years ago a survey was done dealing with new Christians. The bottom line was that of those surveyed who had accepted Christ as their Savior that year, the majority had left the church after 8 weeks. We might have been good at evangelism, but at discipleship and building relationships...we lost. ***Who then is responsible? We are...the men of the church!***

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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LINES FROM LINDA...

Do you ever ask WHY ME? A few days ago I had a heart-searching experience because of that question! I think it is worth sharing with you.

Recently a church friend asked me to sing "Why Me?" for the homecoming service at our church the following week. I questioned him as to why he wanted me to sing that particular song since I had never sung it. He assured me that I was to sing it because it would bless someone who would be attending church that day. I don't recall if I ever actually committed to him or not. I know I did offer some excuses. However, I couldn't get his request off my mind. On Monday, I decided to see if, by chance, I might have the music. I approached my music file not expecting it to be there; but in the first folder I looked, there was the sheet music. I pulled it out and read the words. I still was not convinced that was the song to sing for homecoming service. Furthermore, I had already invited a guest singer to do special music. I was also to substitute for the soloist who usually sang a part in the choir song that morning. In my own fleshly way, I reasoned that I shouldn't sing "Why Me?" After all, I didn't want the congregation to feel I was taking over the service. Yet, I couldn't get away from his request.

At choir practice on Wednesday night, I shared my feelings with several friends and asked them to help me to pray about it. I sang through the song with the pianist, and we both wondered if it were appropriate for homecoming. I left choir practice still struggling with whether or not to sing the song. The rest of the week was no better. It haunted me all day long on Thursday. Friday it nagged at me. Finally, on Friday night, I called my pastor (Jonathon Griffin) and shared with him my dilemma. Where is the appropriate place in the service to sing this song? Would it be suited for the closing of the service as an invitational song? I just couldn't make it fit. Pastor Jonathon prayed with me that God would give me direction and peace about using the song if it were appropriate. Saturday was no better. My mind was consumed with this song. One minute, I decided to do it. The next minute, it just didn't seem right.

On Sunday morning, I got up early to finish my homecoming cooking. As I worked in the kitchen, the same uneasiness I had experienced all week hung heavy over me, but somehow, I soon found myself singing the words to "Why Me?" Then the Lord began to speak to my spirit. He reminded me of times of hurt and disappointment when I had been quick to say "Why, Lord?" My thoughts went back to a day that I had taken my father to the doctor. In his early sixties, he had already had several strokes and was in failing health. As I sat in the doctor's office waiting for him, an elderly man very spryly came in whistling and looking like the picture of health. My immediate mental response to his entering the room, was a question to God. "Why is it my Daddy who is sick? He is so young and a good man. Why couldn't he be healthy and live a long life like this old man?" I recalled other, more recent occasions when I asked, "Why is this happening to us?"

I was reminded of Job when he said he had no reason to curse God for the bad things that had happened to him when he thought of all the good things God had given him.

Then I began to relate my *Whys* to the good things I have experienced in life. I wondered if I had ever asked the Lord why I was blessed with four healthy children who grew up without giving us trouble when other family and friends had children who were sickly or who brought them much heartache. I didn't recall asking God why he had blessed us with our beautiful little granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth. Oh, it is true I have thanked Him many times for these blessings, but I'm not sure I ever asked Him why.

The powerful realization hit me that most of us just take the blessings of life for granted. It is as if we just expect and perhaps even feel that we deserve them. Then when any little thing goes awry, we are quick to challenge God with the WHY.

The powerful impact this encounter with the Holy Spirit had on me caused me to be able to go to church that Sunday assured that I was to sing the requested song. My friend had said there would be someone in the service who would be blessed by it. I didn't know who else it would bless, but it had already blessed me with a soul-searching experience.

As I stood to sing, I shared with the congregation the struggle I had with the decision to sing "Why Me?" and what God had revealed to me that morning. When I started to sing, people throughout the congregation began to weep. I understood then why I was to sing that song. A song I had never sung before. A song I didn't even like. A song that I thought was inappropriate for homecoming service. God had placed that song request in my friend's heart, and he was obedient in asking me to sing it. He was right. It did bless people in that service. There were people there to whom God needed to say the same thing He had said to me.

I share this with you because you too might need to be reminded that "WHY ME?" is an appropriate question when we enjoy the good things of life. It might just bless you to sing this song.

Why me, Lord? What have I ever done to deserve even one
Of the pleasures I've known?
Tell me, Lord, What did I ever do that was worth loving You
Or the kindness You've shown?

Try me, Lord, If you think there's a way I can try to repay
All I've taken from You.
Maybe, Lord, I can show someone else
what I've been through myself
On my way back to You.

Lord, help me; Jesus I've wasted it so;
Help me, Jesus You know what I am.
But now that I know that I've needed You so,
Help me, Jesus, my soul's in Your hands

Words & Music by Kris Kristofferson

DISTRICT CONFERENCE WM WORKSHOPS...

During the months of August and September, NCWM Director Linda Thomas enjoyed visiting in each district to present training and share fellowship in the District Conference Women's Ministries workshops. The 2000 workshop theme was *Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World*. The workshops were very well attended in each district. The ladies who attended participated in a brainstorming activity and contributed ministry ideas which will make a difference in tomorrow's world. These ideas will be shared with local WM Directors as they are encouraged to look at the needs of respective communities and reach out to minister to those needs.

Feast of Ingathering offerings were also received during these workshops. Thanks for a great offering totaling $84,922.18. These offerings have been delivered to the schools, and they express great appreciation for your efforts of love to supply them with these funds.

Thanks to each Women's Ministries director who served as host to our workshop and for the delicious refreshments which we enjoyed.

Greenville District WM Director Teresa Smith addresses the ladies at the District Conference WM Workshop at Spring of Living Waters Church in Farmville. Ladies from Bethel Church listen attentively in background.

FEAST OF INGATHERING DOLLARS DELIVERED...

Linda Thomas, Patsy Deese, Phyllis Harrell, and Jackie Jones traveled to Franklin Springs, Georgia, to attend the Emmanuel College Feast of Ingathering on October 9, 2000. Also attending were Superintendent T.E. Long and Assistant Superintendent Chris Thompson. As usual, the Emmanuel community warmly welcomed those who attended. The Monday night event began with a banquet meal in the beautifully decorated Swails Center. Following the meal, presentations were made by Dr. David Hopkins, President, and other faculty and staff members, who expressed appreciation to the Women's Ministries Directors and representatives from ten conferences who participated in the evening's activities. Students shared ways that the Women's Ministries money has affected their lives at Emmanuel College.

General IPHC WM Director Mary Belle Johnson introduced Conference WM Directors as each presented her Feast of Ingathering offering to Dr. & Mrs. Hopkins as follows:

Alpha	Rhetta Goodman	$ 2,500.00
Appalachian	Wanda Myers	7,676.00
Redemption Ministries	LaDawn Bryant	To be sent later
Georgia	Tammy Coody	10,417.00
Mid-Atlantic	Janice Russ	1,500.00
North Carolina	Linda Thomas	67,990.67
Sonshine Network	Barbara McCants	3,300.00
South Carolina	Tame Lambert	30,000.00
Upper South Carolina	Gena Boggs	4,939.00
Cornerstone	Joan Laws	10,000.00

The celebration at Emmanuel closed as the Emmanuel College Singers sang and the congregation gave praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of love.

On Tuesday, October 10, the same North Carolina delegation attended the Holmes Bible College Ingathering Service. The Holmes Memorial Church Ladies Aide Society welcomed guests with hot coffee and doughnuts in the parlor. The program began with a student trio singing. Welcomes were given by President Dr. Richard Waters, a faculty member, and the student body president. The feature of their program was a piano concert of praise by Mrs. Gwendolyn Litchfield Starling. Ingathering gifts were received by Holmes Alumni Association President Rev. Bert Synan and Dr. Waters. The North Carolina Conference gift to Holmes was $13,656.41. Dr. Waters announced during the lunch, which followed the program, that approximately $65,000.00 total was received for the Ingathering.

Not being able to attend the Feasts at Southwestern College in Oklahoma City and Pacific Coast in California, checks were mailed to each of them. North Carolina Conference gifts to Southwestern College amounted to $2,255.00, and $1,020.00 was sent to Pacific Coast.

Special recognition to North Carolina Conference churches contributing $1,000 or more to the 2000 Feast of Ingathering go to the following:

Kinston First	$15,200.00	Peniel	1,500.00
Greenville First	10,711.00	Benson	1,200.00
Gospel Tabernacle	4,500.00	Bizzell Grove	1,050.00
Holly Hill	3,000.00	Glad Tidings	1,000.00
St. John	3,000.00	Mt. Carmel	1,000.00
Moore's Chapel	2,500.00	Westmoreland	1,000.00
The First	2,000.00	Williamston First	1,000.00
Lumberton First	2,000.00		

Each offering, no matter how large or small, is genuinely appreciated by our schools. We applaud each church that participated. Through your generosity, we were able to deliver to our church-supported colleges $84,992.18.

We still aim for 100% participation. If every church will begin now planning for next year, we can reach the $100,000.00 mark. WILL YOU JOIN US IN THAT VISION AND HELP US TO MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR 2001 FEAST OF INGATHERING?

Thank you for abundantly giving to such a worthy ministry and helping to make this the best Feast of Ingathering ever.

NCWM Board Member Phyllis Harrell joins Rev. Chris Thompson and Superintendent T. E. Long for the Emmanuel College Feast of Ingathering Banquet. Phyllis is the Education Portfolio Chairperson for the board.

Rev. & Mrs. David Wood join their son and daughter, who are students at Emmanuel, to enjoy the banquet and program.

GIRLS' MINISTRIES RETREAT/CONVENTION...

Girls, girls...everywhere. That was the impression when you looked around the Wilson First Church Family Life Center on Saturday, August 19. The program began with a time of devotion led by Mrs. Diane Bunn, GM Historian. Mrs. Sandra Britt, NCGM Director, presented awards and made recognitions. Rainbows, Daisies, Prims, Stars, Friends, and Girls Only clubs were represented as the Missionettes were honored for accomplishments made during the past year. Mrs. Debbie Hamilton, GM Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Debbie Hawley, GM Asst. Director, assisted in the activities as well. The girls were divided into respective club groups for a craft activity. This proved to be a favorite time with both girls and sponsors. The morning was fun-filled, and the girls made new acquaintances by participating in the Conference event.

Mrs. Janice Marshburn enjoys the fun and games with girls at the Girls' Ministries Retreat/ Convention.

HOT CHOCOLATE TIME...

With the cool nights at hand, it might be a good time to stir up a batch of hot chocolate mix to have on hand for family or guests.

2 cups powdered milk
1/4 cup cocoa
1 cup confectioner's sugar (or equivalent of sugar substitute)
Dash of salt
For richer mix, add 1/3 cup powdered non-dairy creamer and/or 1 to 2 tablespoons of malted-milk powder.
Store powder mix in tightly sealed container.

To use, stir about 4 tablespoons of the mix into a cup of boiling water. For an added treat, add a dash of whipped topping, vanilla ice cream, or a couple of marshmallows.

Happy Thanksgiving

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

The Pentecostal Holiness Church needs itinerating missionaries. Itinerating missionaries are biblical. Jesus was an itinerating missionary. He was sent by His father to another culture. He was supported by one group to reach others. Listen to the words of Luke 8:1-3:

8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

Paul was an itinerating missionary. *"...We hope that your faith will grow and that our work among you will be greatly enlarged. Then we will be able to go and preach the Good News in other places that are far beyond you, where no one else is working."* Paul had hope that the church at Corinth would have faith to invest in his life to enable him to preach the Gospel in regions beyond them.

The Lord has given us some very special missionaries. We now have some 157 in 88 countries. We must continue to get them to the field. The N.C. Conference is succeeding. We must continue to do so!

CHRISTIE BAKER – READY TO GO!

Christie is ready to leave for the field. She plans to leave for Zimbabwe, Africa, on October 17. She has worked hard this last year. During the week, she taught school full-time and finished her Master's Degree. On weekends she itinerated. Well done, Christie! You exceeded in all three areas.

Christie Baker is the daughter of Joe and Edith Baker of Wilson. She grew up in the Wilson First Church. She attended Emmanuel College and graduated from East Carolina University.

Christie has always had a compassionate heart for those less fortunate. This love has drawn her to the mission field.

Our prayers go with Christie to Africa. May she do a great work for the Lord there. North Carolina Conference, she represents you there.

MICHAEL AND JENNIFER OLIVER – NEARLY READY TO GO!

(Ethan and Jared)

Michael and Jennifer Oliver, from Roper, North Carolina, served as short-term overseas workers in 1998. They have been involved with missions even before coming on board with the IPHC. It was in response to missions that Jennifer and Michael became friends.

Since Jennifer was a small girl, she has had a missions call upon her life. The highlight of her churchgoing experience as a child was the periodic visit of missionaries. The desire to minister among those of another culture has been the longing of Jennifer's heart for a long time.

From early in his walk with the Lord, Michael has desired to give Jesus to those who have never heard the Gospel. It is the desire and gift that call both Jennifer and Michael to another place and culture to be used by God to tell the good news of Jesus Christ.

They pray to leave soon and bring their ministry to the lost that they may see and hear and be saved. Support and pray for the Olivers as they go out into the fields of labor for the Lord. They are urgently needed in Israel. They need to leave in November.

RON AND PHYLLIS ROY – GETTING READY TO GO!

Ron and Phyllis are presently living in the Jackie Wilson Memorial Home in Clinton, N.C. They are itinerating now in the N.C. Conference.

Ron and Phyllis were both born and raised in southwest Louisiana (Cajun country, from French-speaking parents). They have been married 27 years this March. They have four children: Chris, Rachel, Roxanne, and Amber. Roxanne is attending Southwestern University, working toward a degree in education, while Chris and Rachel are both married. Chris holds a degree in law, and Rachel is finishing her degree in education within a year.

In the early 1980s Ron graduated from Texas Bible College and was a staff member at Soul's Harbor Church. They were also resident ministers and held evangelistic meetings. In 1986 they founded and pastored Eagles Nest Fellowship. In 1991 they produced an album entitled *Loving Jesus*. The following year they authored the book, *God's Immutable Unchangeable Principle*.

In the early 1990s, with the Lord's direction, and while holding meetings in the U.S., they began missionary trips into Mexico. During this time, they attended and graduated

from language school – living and working in the cities of Monterrey and Purandiro.

When they return to Mexico, they will be involved in planting a church in the city of Guadalajara – a city of 10 million, also known as the ten-forty window of Latin America.

TWO MORE HISPANIC CHURCHES ORGANIZED

Light and Salvation Church (Luz y Salvación)

On Sunday afternoon, September 17, 2000, 1:00 p.m., Hispanic Coordinator John Parker organized the Luz y Salvación Pentecostal Holiness Church. The church is pastored by Rev. Jose Serrano. Some fifty-one were present. At the end of the service some thirty-nine had become charter members. Praise the Lord! Light and Salvation began meeting earlier this year. The church meets at the Clinton First Church, pastored by Rev. Ken Milliken. Well done and congratulations are in order to Pastor Milliken and the Clinton First Church. They are making a difference to the kingdom.

Pastor Serrano is our first student to earn his Conference first-year license by faithful attendance to the bimonthly Hispanic training classes. He is to be congratulated for his desire to learn and his sacrifices to attend the classes. Brother Serrano is married. He and his wife Victoria have four sons and a beautiful three-month-old daughter.

Welcome to Luz y Salvación.

Stantonsburg Hispanic Church

On Sunday, September 24, Brother Parker and I organized the Hispanic church. The service began at 4:00 p.m. after a wonderful day of homecoming at the Stantonsburg church.

The Stantonsburg Hispanic church is pastored by Rev. Pablo Acevedo (Paul-acee-vay-dō). Some sixty-one were present at the meeting. Some thirty-seven became charter members.

L-R: John Parker, Chris Thompson, Pablo Acevedo, Tony Hawley

The service was powerful. Pastor Tony Hawley of the Anglo church was present. He spoke loving words of deep appreciation to Pastor Acevedo. Pastor Acevedo had likewise spoken words of appreciation to the Anglo church in the 11:00 a.m. service.

Thank you, Pastor Hawley and Stantonsburg Church, for opening your hearts and doors to the Hispanic church. Together you will do great things for God!

Stantonsburg Hispanic organizing service

CHANGING CHURCH MINISTRY

American society continues to change. Ministry must change with it. The Gospel does not change. Biblical truth is not relative. Biblical truth is absolute! However, methods of preaching the truth and evangelizing the lost do change!

Researcher George Barna has identified four areas of great change within the church world. These are as follows:

1. Unchurched people are less relational than churched people – meaning that the typical strategy of reaching them through personal relationships may not be as effective as assumed. The benefits sought by the unchurched are quite dissimilar to those of churched adults – meaning that impacting the unchurched will take more than mere marketing. There must be more intentional approaches to them. New bridges and ways of bonding must be found.

2. Discipleship is often ineffective because churches equate it with Bible knowledge. Barna's research found that discipleship programs that fail to instill passion for Christ in people are not likely to generate positive results. People today do not have a general and unified knowledge of the Bible. Just to organize individual verses is not enough.

3. Most churches use work groups, not lay leadership teams, to facilitate ministry. Churches that use teams have less conflict, fewer full-time staff, and more extensive ministries than churches that rely on staff and work groups. Lay ministry must be preached, taught, and practical.

4. The typical church evaluates its ministry, but uses relatively meaningless criteria. The most common evaluation criteria are attendance, membership, revenue, ratio of pastoral staff to congregants, and square footage. Barna's research indicated that those measures are interesting but ultimately insignificant since they do not relate to the church's primary reason for existence – life. The church must evaluate itself ultimately on how many people are coming to know Christ and follow Him.

For more information check out http://www.barna.org

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis

Connecting: A Radical New Vision. By Larry Crabb. Nashville: Word Publishing, 1997. 221 pp. $19.99.

Connecting. In recent times the words *connection*, *connect*, and *connecting* have been used in much Christian literature and conversations. For example, a pastor desires to connect with the congregation as he preaches the Word. Worshipers must connect with God in order to truly worship. Parishioners feel the need to connect with one another to gain a sense of belonging as a member of a caring community. Prayer is powerful because it connects us to God who possesses unlimited power.

Crabb, a well-known Christian psychologist and counselor, seems to have experienced a catharsis of sorts in his understanding of treating soul-diseases and with human emotions and the psyche. Advocating that damaged psyches are not the problem, he offers a radically new way to address human needs and problems in terms of "disconnected souls." What we need to resolve the unhealthy psychological forces operating within us is connection and the benefits of a healing community. If connecting is at the center of healing, then disconnecting must be at the core of what needs healing.

Experience and Scripture teach us that the kingdom of God is all about relationships. The presence or absence of connecting forces affect the way we think and the way we behave. It's difficult sometimes to face the truth about ourselves. Some may not realize how deeply and to what extent sin has a hold on their lives. Others have difficulty in understanding the pain they feel inside. This "disconnectedness" affects our relationships.

The answer to all relationships is the Holy Spirit, who lives and abides in the Christian. He is the spiritual dynamic that enables us to connect with God, one another, and with sinners. The Spirit of God affirms, convicts, convinces, guides, intercedes, encourages, teaches, strengthens, and empowers us to relate to God, ourselves, and others with the energy of Christ. The Spirit can lead us to a deeper change where the grace of God flows freely through our lives to others, thus becoming a healing community.

I highly recommend this publication to any and all Christian workers.

Developing a Giving Church. By Stan Toler and Elmer Towns. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1999. 208 pp. $18.99.

Money is a sensitive subject to almost everyone. Money has never been more important to Americans than it is today. A recent Gallup poll interviewed a number of families across America and asked this question: What is the biggest problem you face as a family? Fifty-six percent of the families responded that money and economic problems constitute the biggest problem they face. Will Rogers once said, "We are borrowing money we don't have to buy things we don't need to impress people we don't like." Too many Christians are trying to eat T-Bone steak on a hot dog income.

Recent statistics tell us that Americans give some $2 billion toward missions. But Americans also buy $4 billion worth of dog and cat food every year. Even more astonishing, Americans spend some $5 billion a year on snuff!

The Bible has much to say about money matters because money matters. According to Toler and Towns, healthy Kingdom giving springs out of spiritual living. Designed to take the "stew" out of stewardship, covering practically the whole spectrum on the subject of giving and tithing, *Developing a Giving Church* provides pastors, deacons, secretary-treasurers, and members of finance committees sound biblical approaches to increase giving in their churches.

A 26-year decline in giving percentages among Evangelical Churches need not discourage the Christian leader. By creating a climate of giving through proper stewardship education and shaping the thinking in the pews with biblical principles, giving can increase. True Christians have an inner desire to be good stewards. Stewardship training teaches people how to use their money properly.

This publication offers numerous charts, cartoons, valuable quotes, stewardship sermons, and anecdotes. A valuable stewardship resource!

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY

Praise be to God for His blessings! On September 13, 2000, Evangelist and Mrs. James D. Hilliard, Jr., celebrated 40 years of full-time ministry on the evangelistic field. We extend a heart of thanksgiving to each pastor and church who has faithfully supported us, and want to say thank you in advance for your continued support and prayers that God will continue His work through us. We are available for revivals, Sunday services, and campmeetings with preaching, music, and singing. You may contact us at:

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SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker.....November 13

Rev. W. O. Foreman .....November 26

Rev. Kenneth Autry.....November 26

Rev. Wiley Vick .....November 29

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Church	SS Enroll-ment	SS Avg Attend.	Ext.	Ext. Avg.	YM Enroll-ment	YM Avg. Attend.
Clinton District						
Clinton	370	188	0	0	150	141
Garland	65	27	0	0	0	0
Goshen	85	32	0	0	0	24
Gospel Tabernacle	438	156	25	22	0	183
Hollands Chapel	77	67	0	0	0	26
Midway	103	36	0	0	0	30
Peniel	262	100	0	0	0	82
Saint Matthew	73	43	0	0	0	29
Sharon	111	57	0	0	0	37
Trinity	19	30	0	0	0	0
Tyndall Grove	75	63	0	0	0	12
Warsaw	83	44	0	0	0	0
Fayetteville District						
Aberdeen	78	44	0	0	63	18
Baywood	135	63	0	0	60	58
Culbreth Memorial	131	104	21	23	0	0
Grace Community	47	26	0	0	40	22
Lyon Memorial	55	16	0	0	0	0
Mount Carmel	380	187	0	0	219	138
Northwood Temple	1787	689	0	0	711	530
Oak Ridge	64	21	0	0	28	17
Sanford First	94	57	0	0	49	41
Shiloh	85	45	0	0	0	0
Stedman	246	138	0	0	195	99
Goldsboro District						
Belfast	131	88	0	0	79	50
Bizzell Grove	165	107	40	32	80	64
Brocks Chapel	170	62	0	0	91	55
Jones Grove	51	41	0	0	0	0
Kenly	112	44	0	0	0	0
Liberty	50	32	0	0	0	0
Manley Grove	103	45	0	0	0	0
Mount Olive	105	99	0	0	0	0
Niagara	174	84	0	0	33	16
Pikes Crossroads	187	77	15	18	145	63
Saint John	135	91	0	0	35	60
Tabernacle	58	24	0	0	0	19
The First	360	185	0	0	0	0
Thunder Swamp	89	41	0	0	0	0
Greenville District						
Albritton	62	30	18	22	32	18
Ayden	59	25	0	0	0	0
Bethel	58	38	0	0	0	0
Carson Memorial	80	43	0	0	65	19
Family Life Tabernacle	50	44	0	0	41	47
Gethsemane	280	56	0	0	143	68
Graceway Fellowship	8	8	0	52	0	0
Grifton	29	14	0	0	0	0
Hopewell	24	21	0	0	29	25
Kinston First	672	253	0	0	321	246
Spring ot Living Water	0	39	0	0	0	16
St. Paul	0	107	0	0	0	104
Winterville	57	34	0	0	0	0
Lumberton District						
Abbottsburg	42	31	17	25	0	0
Boardman	210	66	0	0	0	0
Chadbourn	220	0	0	0	174	0
Elizabethtown	50	35	10	12	0	0
Lumberton	150	102	11	7	135	80
Mt. Olive LD	309	218	0	0	0	0
Nakina	93	64	0	0	30	21
Red Springs	44	15	0	0	0	0
St. Paul's	206	166	10	10	0	109
Westview	118	56	0	0	102	40
Morehead City District						
Cedar Point	44	27	0	0	16	12
Crystal Coast	36	6	0	0	0	0
Graham Memorial	134	92	0	0	51	35
Harkers Island	125	115	0	0	67	53
Smyrna	106	126	0	0	101	78
New Bern District						
Alliance	45	12	0	0	0	0
Bridgeton	72	57	0	0	0	0
Friendship NBD	16	9	0	0	0	0
Goose Creek	23	21	0	0	0	0
Harvest Temple	194	116	45	23	135	87
Heritage	56	22	0	0	46	19
Hodges Chapel	87	38	0	0	0	0
Holly Hill	98	53	0	0	62	31
Lighthouse	8	5	0	0	0	0
Lowland	36	30	0	0	0	0
New Bern First	81	51	0	0	55	19
New Vision	47	19	0	0	0	0
Reelsboro	110	48	46	38	48	40
Trinity NBD	47	27	0	0	47	42
Raleigh District						
Benson	167	107	48	21	140	99
Clayton	35	26	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel	77	62	0	0	60	49
Selma	38	24	0	0	0	0
The Capital	350	125	0	0	170	168
Rocky Mount District						
Alert	74	24	0	0	35	11
Brentwood	140	100	0	0	160	151
Calvary Temple	14	9	0	0	0	12
Ebenezer	46	38	0	48	41	35
Hobgood	91	75	0	0	0	0
Living Faith Fellowship	120	60	0	0	86	60
New Covenant	25	22	0	0	13	38
Scotland Neck	38	30	0	0	2	1
Tarboro First	214	155	0	0	185	127
Taylors Chapel	100	51	0	0	0	0
Thomas Chapel	71	55	0	0	51	29
Vaughans Chapel	80	37	0	0	0	0
Vicks Chapel	24	21	0	0	0	0
Weldon	54	43	13	12	0	0
Williamston District						
Bethany	155	90	5	24	109	36
Faith WD	49	44	0	0	26	24
Grace Family Fellowship	213	80	0	0	195	79
Hamilton	65	31	0	0	0	0
Higher Ground	131	53	0	0	58	67
Millennium	136	57	44	38	88	25
Rehoboth	139	77	0	0	0	0
Roper	115	69	0	0	105	56
Wades Point	56	30	0	0	0	0
Wakelon	11	10	0	0	0	0
Williamston	166	95	8	8	109	78
Windsor	13	6	0	8	0	0
Wilmington District						
Harvest Fellowship	95	70	0	0	71	79
Jacksonville	61	36	0	0	20	32
Penderlea	25	22	0	0	0	0
Sneads Ferry	100	34	0	0	30	14
Sonlight	38	14	0	0	28	11
Wallace	229	86	0	0	0	55
Wilmington	142	83	0	0	142	47
Wilson District						
Black Creek	74	41	0	0	0	0
Cornerstone	47	30	0	0	0	0
Friendship WD	102	28	0	0	59	0
Independence	62	40	0	0	0	0
Lamm's Grove	17	7	0	0	0	0
Living Waters	0	37	0	0	0	0
Middlesex	21	18	0	0	0	0
Moores Chapel	100	58	0	0	71	0
Shiloh	291	122	20	23	189	0
Sims	54	34	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	69	42	0	0	0	0
Statonsburg	109	55	0	0	0	0
Thompson Chapel	104	55	0	0	59	0
Westmoreland	171	36	0	0	115	0
Wilson First	175	121	0	0	78	0
Grand Totals	**16,030**	**8,389**	**396**	**487**	**6,174**	**3,943**

Congratulations!

North Carolina Conference National Winners
Youth Quest 2000

National Talent: First Place Trophy Winners

Melissa Ann Faircloth, Saint Paul's First P. H. – Vocal Solo Female
Stedman Youth In Covenant Choir, Stedman P. H. – Vocal Ensemble, Division III (Minimum 13, no maximum)
Kevin Smith, Family Life Tabernacle P. H. – Instrumental Solo, Division I, Wind
Josh Harrison, Goldsboro First P.H. – Instrumental Solo, Division IV, Indefinite Pitch Percussion
Lifeline Drama Team, The Capital P. H. – Communication Arts, Division V, Inaudible Mime 2 or More
Tiffany Ward, The Capital P. H. – Communication Arts, Division 8, Inaudible Pantomime with Vocals, Individual
Candice Pittman, The Capital P. H. – Interpretive Dance, Individual
Lifeline Drama Team, The Capital P. H. – Interpretive Dance, 2 or More
Melissa Whitman, Goldsboro First P.H. – Creative Arts, Division III, 3d Art
Rebecca Whitman, Goldsboro First P.H. – Creative Arts, Division IV, Fabricated Art

National Talent: Second Place Ribbon Winners

Ryan Barbato, Goldsboro First P. H. – Vocal Solo Male
Northwood Temple Quartet, Northwood Temple P. H. – Vocal Ensemble, Division I (Duets, Trios, Quartets)

National Talent: Third Place Ribbon Winners

Christopher Graves, Mt. Carmel P.H. – Communication Arts, Division I, Speech
Mount Carmel Drama Team, Mt. Carmel P. H. – Communication Arts, Division III, Audible 2 or More
Shannon Eubanks, Goldsboro First P.H. – Creative Writing, Division II, Fiction
Rebecca Whitman, Goldsboro First P.H. – Creative Writing, Division III, Poetry

Bible Quiz: Masters – Culbreth Memorial, Second Place

Bible Quiz: Bible Bowl – Culbreth Memorial, Second Place

Bible Quiz: Power Play – Jonathan Lucas, Culbreth Memorial P. H.

Bible Quiz: Individual High Scorer – Jonathan Lucas, Culbreth Memorial

Ranger of the Year: Trailblazer – Matthew Walston, Northwood Temple P.H., Second Place

Ranger of the Year: Air/Sea/Trail Ranger – Jonathan Johnson, Moore's Chapel P. H., First Place

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Merry Christmas from the North Carolina Conference

T. Elwood Long

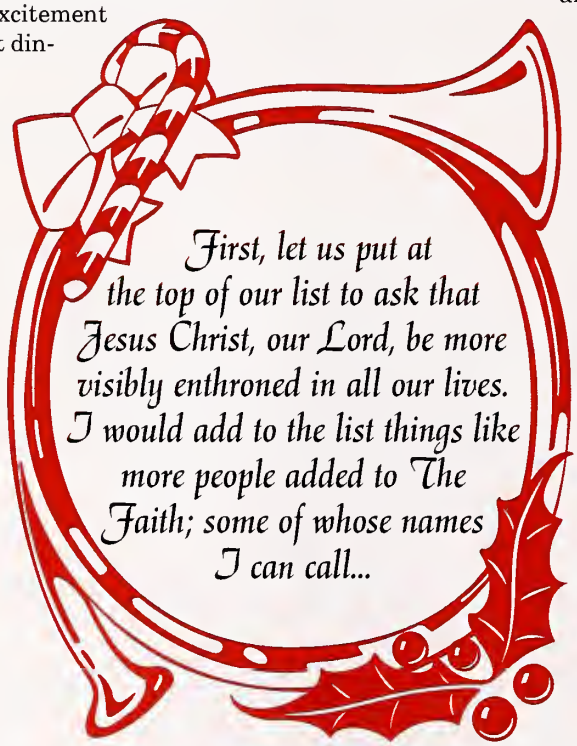
WHAT IS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS WISH GIFT LIST?

Christmas is right at the top on my favorite times of the year. The conference office personnel draw names for gift giving. It is always a delight to sense the excitement when we have our "in office" or restaurant dinner. I know much of the excitement is due to the fact that this is usually our last day for the office to be open until after Christmas, but I also recognize the added thrill of opening gifts from one another. You know, "at the moment" I can't recall whose name I drew for this year. I must be getting older, or is it I'm more focused on the moment? I'll never tell! Oh, yes, I will recall the right name to buy that gift just in time. That probably hasn't happened to you, has it?

Our seasonal celebration gets underway right after Harvest Train for Falcon Children's Home. One of the long enjoyed traditions is that of our District Ministers and spouses getting together for a time of celebration, fellowship, and "good" eating. At one time the Superintendent and Evangelism Director and spouses would go to all the District celebrations. That was great, but it took so many evenings to do so. In recent years the superintendent and spouse would go to one district, and the evangelism director and spouse would go to another. That usually provides for two celebrations on the same evening. The gaiety, fellowship, and on the more serious side, the devotions have been so refreshing to Sylvia and me. We will miss all that, but there will be other Christmas delights to fill the space.

The Superannuate Christmas luncheons and the All Boards (Conference Boards) dinners have been so inspiring and delightful. The devotional times have been so special as we have been emotionally, mentally, and, most importantly, spiritually challenged by the ever-present Christ Child. These are treasure chests of memories that I will always hold precious.

Due to unrelenting reminders from Sylvia, our family has adopted several traditions that make Christmas special in our family. One of those is she really puts pressure on all of us in late October or early November to make out our Christmas "wish list." Our six children (our "in-law" children count too) and six grandchildren come up with some rather inclusive lists. (I might say – usually very practical lists). Mine is usually the same: things like underwear, over-the-calf socks, books, etc. By the way, most of the time my lists aren't very challenging, and they utterly surprise me with some of the most useful gifts. However, I still haven't had to buy underwear and socks for many years. The lists works!



What does your list look like? May I suggest some items for you? First, let us put at the top of our list to ask that Jesus Christ, our Lord, be more visibly enthroned in all our lives. I would add to the list things like more people added to The Faith, some of whose names I can call. I will add a prayer for the peace of Jerusalem and less political turmoil in our own precious U.S.A. I will ask that our newly-elected national, state, and local officials be God-revering and humanity-loving. I will ask that the homeless find shelter and the hungry be fed; the abortion mills be abandoned and Alzheimer's be annihilated. These are just a few inclusions of my Christmas list. Please add yours, and somehow together we will wrap the right gifts for one another and our fellowman in the ribbons of God's ever-sufficient love and grace!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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CHURCH NEWS

REVEREND BENJAMIN C. HORRELL
NOVEMBER 12, 1923 - AUGUST 5, 2000

Reverend B.C. Horrell was born at a small eastern North Carolina community called Montague. His parents were William Doyle and Tiny E. Horrell.

Rev. Benjamin C. Horrell

"Ben," as a few of us knew him, was converted to a life-changing experience in Jesus Christ in 1948. Shortly thereafter, sensing a call to preach the Gospel, he acquired mission worker's credentials in the North Carolina Conference. He received conference minister's license in 1949 and was ordained in 1951. Brother Horrell was an avid student of the Word of God. In fact, he could start quoting it just about anywhere designated. He not only could quote the Bible. He translated it into daily life. Relating to the scriptures was as natural to him as breathing. Most mornings he would quote and study several chapters before sunrise. That was his lifestyle. He loved the Word!

Pastor Horrell was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

This pastor was a "workhorse." He refused retirement and planned to work forever. He never prepared himself to quit, and he never did quit.

Brother Horrell served pastorates beginning in 1949. His charges in chronological order were:

Verona, Harker's Island, St. Paul, Mt. Carmel, Wilson First, and Roanoke Rapids First. His longest pastorate was his last one; he led the Roanoke Rapids First church for a little over thirty four years beginning in 1966.

Brother "B.C." enjoyed good health conditions until about five years before his death in August of this year. His son, Rev. John Mark Horrell, Rev. L. B. Avery, and I led his funeral. Services were at Roanoke Rapids First Pentecostal Holiness Church on Tuesday, August 8. The wake on Monday night and the funeral were well attended. I was favorably impressed by the large number of ministers who attended. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Margaret Horrell, his widow, continues to fight the good fight of faith. She is an extraordinarily gifted lady who is a vibrant witness to the grace of God. She and her family (children, grandchildren, and one great grand-grandchild) live in Roanoke Rapids. Her address is P.O. Box 186, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. 27870. You may telephone her at 252-537-3764.

The Horrells have been a highly contributing family to the cause of Christ through and beyond the conference for more than fifty years. They are still very valuable to us even though the patriarch of the family has been promoted. I praise God for giving them to us.

– TEL

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. and Mrs. Marty (Jane) Warren announce the birth of a baby girl, Olivia Jane Warren. She was born October 6 at 2:25 a.m. Olivia weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz and was 19¾ inches long. Marty is the pastor of Living Faith in Rocky Mount.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe (Rebecca) Francisco announce the newest addition to their family. Her name is Brianna Nicole, born Monday, October 30, at 9:22 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and is 19½ inches long. Brianna, Mama, Brooke and Dad are all doing fine.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Norman Butts . . . . . .December 13
Rev. Raymond Potter . . . . . .December 18
Rev. Richard Parson . . . . . .December 24

PASTOR/TEACHER
MERRILL DAVIS

Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message. By Ravi Zacharias. Nashville: Word Publishing, 2000. 195 pp. $19.99

As the East covertly embraces many aspects of the West, and the West willingly embraces many aspects of the East, the postmodern culture presents a great challenge for Christians who claim exclusivity in terms of salvation and the way of eternal life. Religious pluralism denies the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as the only way. Is Jesus in fact God? Is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life, or should we seek for another? Why can't we take a little from Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism and special pragmatic features of other world religions and blend them together to form a holistic, all-encompassing universal faith capable of meeting the many complex needs of people and society in general? "Let tolerance prevail," we are being told these days.

Jesus Among Other Gods offers a sound and persuasive defense that the unequaled claims of Jesus Christ as God and the only way to heaven are true. Jesus is not one of many saviors. He is the only Savior of mankind. The Christian faith is not one of many faiths. It is the only true faith. All religions cannot be equally true. All prophets and religious teachers cannot be right. If Deepak Chopra is right, then Jesus Christ is wrong. Mohammed received revelations. Jesus revealed the Father. Krishna exploited the milkmaids in the Bhagavad-Gita. Jesus was completely sinless. He who knew no sin became sin for us.

One of the greatest Christian polemical minds of all time, Zacharias furnishes explanation of both Eastern and Western thought to help the reader sort out the differences and implications relative to faith and spirituality. He demonstrates that all faiths and religions cannot stand the test of truth, except the Christian faith. He proves that Jesus Christ is the single way to God.

The author wrote, "Over the years, I have become more convinced than ever that He is exactly who He claimed to be–God incarnate, who came to give us life to the fullest and to point us to the beauty and freedom of truth." This means that life apart from Jesus Christ spells death!

While a good understanding of the disciplines of philosophy and apologetics would serve as a helpful prerequisite in comprehending this book, I heartily recommend this publication to all Christians, especially those who are struggling to understand the heart and essence of the Christian faith and sharing their faith with others. May your reading be profitable and enjoyable.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

NO MORE "WHIPPING BOYS!"

Ronnie Basden

Thank God for pastors! God has made them "overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). Called and anointed Shepherds, they bring the message of God to believers, "feeding" us from the bread of life. They are compassionate counselors that can give us direction and help from the Word of God in our times of trouble.

But pastors aren't called to be the church's personal "whipping boys!" Long ago, it was the custom for a prince to have a boy who was reared and educated right alongside him. If the prince got into trouble, that boy was punished in the prince's place.

Too often, believers feel they have the right to "punish" the pastor for things happening in the church that they personally don't like. Using their tongues like a biting whip, they lash out at the pastor, unflinchingly "beating" him with their bitter words and angry attitudes. They want to make sure the pastor hears every detail of their grievances. Then they expect him to magically make the church be exactly what they think it needs to be – or else!

Pastors are our leaders, but they are NOT superhuman. They have feelings too! Instead of making the pastors "whipping boys," we should be on our knees, crying out to God on their behalf. Sincere prayer will bring solutions to many grievances and ensure our churches are what God thinks they need to be!

Men, I encourage you to form a pastor's prayer-partner group. Gather with your pastor before every service and lift him up before God. Remember – he is gift from God! Let your pastor know that you are standing side by side with him. Allow him to be your shepherd, but never make him your "whipping boy."

"Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone"

America's Fatherhood Scene

Josh McDowell delivered a passionate and resounding endorsement about the absolutely critical role that fathers must play today if the next generation is going to be reached for Christ. In a speech to the National Coalition of Men's Ministries in late April, he said the primary role of pastors and youth pastors, with regard to youth, should be to help them establish close relationships with their parents – particularly dads.

It's up to dads. The challenge is so critical because of the two absolutely distinct cultures today, wherein "truth" is defined totally differently in each. We discover truth. Youth create truth. We believe the Bible is discovered or revealed truth. Youth believe something is truth; therefore, it is truth. But what they believe is truth today may be different tomorrow, but that's all right (to them) because truth, they feel, is constantly changing. And your truth is as good as mine.

A GREAT BOOK TO READ!!!

How to be a Hero to Your Kids

(Josh McDowell & Dick Day, Word Publishing, 1991)

You don't have to be a superparent to be a hero to your kids. All it takes is love, motivation, and a workable plan. You will find being a hero is practical, fulfilling, and even fun. But, most of all, it will build the kind of relationship with your kids that will equip them to live fulfilled and abundant lives, even in a dangerous and hostile world.

"Men's Ministries...A Disciple-Making Ministry to Men in Every Church"

January 2001

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14	15 OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King	16	17	18 School of Evangelism - Charlotte Royal Rangers National Council	19	20
21 Sanctity of Life	22	23 Conference Board Meeting	24	25 Archives Committee Meeting FIRE AND ICE	26	27 Royal Rangers ICS WM Leadership Seminar
28	29 Rocky Mount District Missions Meals	30 Greenville District AM Goldsboro District PM	31 Morehead City District AM Hispanic PM			

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February 2001

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				1 Wilson District AM Lumberton District PM Missions Meals	2 Clinton District AM	3
4	5 Williamston District AM Fayetteville District PM Missions Meals	6 New Bern District PM Wilmington District AM	7 Raleigh District AM	8 C.E. Board Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 Hispanic Credentials Committee	14	15 Evangelism Board	16 District Talent	17 District Talent
18	19	20 Conference Board Meeting	21	22 Cross-Cultural Committee Meeting	23 District Talent	24 District Talent
25	26 CWI	27 Minister's Wives Fellowship	28			

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4	5	6 Missions Committee & District Director Training	7	8	9 CEM Training Retreat	10
Honor C.E. Worker's Week						
11 WM Founder's Day	12 Royal Rangers District/Conf Staff Meeting	13	14	15	16 WM Retreat Ranger of the Year at Falcon	17
18	19 Goldsboro District	20 Conference Board Meeting Fayetteville District	21	22 Williamston District	23	24
Spring District Conference						
25	26 Lumberton District	27 New Bern District	28	29 Wilmington District	30	31 Conference Junior Talent
Spring District Conference						

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April 2001

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Wilson District	3 Greenville District	4	5 Morehead City District	6	7 Conference Teen Talent
Spring District Conference						
8	9 WM Happy Hearts	10	11	12 Conference Half Day	13 Office Closed	14
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22	23 WM Happy Hearts Raleigh District	24 Conference Board Meeting Clinton District	25	26 Rocky Mount District	27	28
Spring District Conferences					B/SA LTC	
29 B/SA LTC	30					

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May 2001

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6	7	8	9 Hispanic Credentials Committee	10 CE Board Meeting	11	12 Girl's Ministry Convention
	Family Life Week					
13 Missionette's Day MOTHER'S DAY	14	15 Deadline for sending Conference Talent Quiz Ranger winners to Natl Office	16	17	18	19
					Youth/Childrens Workers Retreat	
20	21	22 Conference Board Meeting	23	24	25	26
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27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29	30	31	June S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	
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June 2001

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3 Home Missions Sunday	4 Royal Rangers District/Conf Staff Meeting	5	6	7 Licensed Candidates	8 Ordination Candidates	9 WM Convention
NTC at Falcon				Examination		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Falcon Youth Camp - Teens						
17 FATHER'S DAY	18	19 Conference Board Meeting	20	21	22	23
Falcon Youth Camp - Junior Week						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				JCE-Cape Fear, Sanford, NC		
Falcon Youth Camp - Primary Week						

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July 2001

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 WM & Missionettes Blance L. King Scholarship Offering	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7
8 "GO" Offering Sunday	9	10 Evangelism Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 Alternate "GO" Sunday	16	17	18	19	20 Annual Conference Minister's Wives Fellowship	21
22 Falcon Camp ...	23	24	25	26 Conference Board Meeting	27	28
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Falcon Camp Meeting

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August 2001

Conference Calendar

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5 Youth Quest	6 Men's Ministry Convention	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 C. E. Board Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Hispanic Credentials Committee	23	24	25 King's Dominion Family Fun Day
26 Piney Grove ...	27	28 Conference Board Meeting	29	30 Wilson District Conference	31	

Youth Quest

General WM Convention

General Conference - Cincinnati, Ohio

Piney Grove Camp Meeting

Piney Grove Camp Meeting

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September 2001

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9 Grandparents Day	10 Rocky Mount District Conference	11 New Bern District Conference	12	13 Evangelism Board Meeting Raleigh District Conference	14 Men's Ministry	15
16 National Royal Rangers Week	17 Fayetteville District Conference	18 Morehead City District Confrence	19	20 Lumberton District Conference	21	22
23	24 Goldsboro District Conference	25 Clinton District Conference Conference Board Meeting	26	27 Greenville District Conference	28 POW WOW	29
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October 2001

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7	8 Emmanuel Feat of Ingathering WM Happy Hearts	9 Holmes Feast of Ingathering	10	11 Missions F.E.S.T.	12	13
14	15 WM Happy Hearts	16	17	18	19	20
21 National Royal Rangers Day	22 WM Happy Hearts	23 Conference Board Meeting	24	25 CEM Board Meeting	26 Missionettes LTC	27
28 Friend Day	29	30	31			

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November 2001

Conference Calendar

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				1 WM Couple's Retreat to be Announced	2	3
4	5	6 Hispanic Credentials Committee	7	8 Evangelism Board Meeting	9	10 Archives Meeting
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18	19	20 Harvest Train	21 Office Closed Noon	22	23	24
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December 2001

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 RR District & Staff Meeting at Falcon
2 Evangelist's Sunday	3	4 Superannuate Minister's Luncheon	5	6 World Missions Committee Meeting	7	8
9	10	11 Conference Boards Christmas Party	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19	20	21 Conference Office Party Lunch	22
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North Carolina Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director
P.O. Box 337
Vanceboro, NC 28586

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

December again? Already?

Last year this time, the whole world stood in the shadow of Y2K. The newspaper headlines proclaimed the wonder of what this year would hold. Television reporters did their best to work us all into a frenzy. We even heard anxieties expressed from our pulpits. Y2K arrived ... and it is almost history.

Today, as I write this article, our nation is again in an anxious mode. With the national election day behind us, we still do not know who will be our President. Every time you turn on the television, the media hype is droning. Everywhere you go, the number, one subject is concern over who will be our next President. Some seem to think that Vice-President Gore has the solution to all of America's problems, and there are those who are sure George W. Bush is God's right-hand man. I am amazed at how much credence people put in the ability of these two human beings.

Last year, I saw the anxieties of those around me in preparing for the year 2000. Today, I am well aware of the frustration and unrest in our nation. Yet I know this is nothing new. David recorded such a time in Psalm 11.

How dare you tell me, "Flee to the mountains for safety," when I am trusting in the Lord? For the wicked have strung their bows, drawn their arrows tight against the bowstrings, and aimed from ambush at the people of God. "Law and order have collapsed," we are told. "What can the righteous do but flee?" BUT THE LORD IS STILL IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE: HE STILL RULES FROM HEAVEN. HE CLOSELY WATCHES EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS HERE ON EARTH. He puts the righteous and the wicked to the test; he hates those loving violence. He will rain down fire and brimstone on the wicked and scorch with his burning wind. For God is good, and he loves goodness; the godly shall see his face.

In the midst of calamity, David recognized that God was still ruling this world. In the book of Daniel, even the heathen King Nebuchadnezzar proclaimed:

All the people of the earth are nothing when compared to the Most High God; He does whatever He thinks best among the angels of heaven, as well as here on earth. No one can stop Him or challenge Him, saying, "What do you mean by doing these things?"

This being the case, I must ask myself, "Why were we so unsettled and in such a frenzy last year when Y2K was the big story? Why should we, as Christians, be in such an anxious state regarding the Gore vs. Bush contest?"

By the time this article is published, hopefully, the winner will have been announced, and we will all be about business as usual. No matter which one becomes President, neither of them has the answer to our problems. Only God does, and He sent His answer to the world two thousand years ago. On a wintry night, in the village of Bethlehem, God delivered His Son to us. The angels sang ... the shepherds feared ... but when they found Jesus in the stable, their anxieties were calmed and their hearts turned to joy.

In this Christmas season, may we find peace in knowing that Jesus is the answer. May we spend our time and energy on sharing the gospel message instead of fretting over worldly kingdoms. May we not get so caught up in the daily headlines that we fail to remember that God is still in control. We can find calm assurance in the words of an old hymn which was penned more than two centuries ago. Its words truly put everything in proper perspective.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the vale.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.

WILSON DISTRICT WM RALLY

"A Trip to the Potter's House" was the theme for this year's Wilson District WM Rally held Saturday, September 30, at Westmoreland Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wilson. Nine churches in the district were represented with forty-eight ladies in attendance.

Gift bags were presented to each lady as she registered. The bags were provided by Moore's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries group. Each canvas gift bag held lots of great "goodies" including a mouse pad, pens, pads, candy and a rain gauge.

Wilson District WM Director Teresa Nelson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Praise and Worship was led by Pat Montgomery of Wilson. Breakfast was served to the ladies and afterward a "get-acquainted" game was played. Darnell Nelms, from Living Waters WM, directed game time; and when it was finished, everyone knew a lot more about each other.

Pat Montgomery used the potter's wheel to minister and illustrated how the Master Potter can take a vessel, apply pressure, smooth out the rough edges and make a beautiful vessel for His glory. Sometimes a "crack" might appear. Then the vessel has to return to the potter's wheel to be cut down, pressure reapplied, and the vessel can still be used but not for the same purposes. The size of the vessel will be different. Pat also demonstrated how "painting" and "firing" a piece of pottery is symbolic of the anointing. It makes all the difference in how the vessel looks and how it will draw the attention of people to inspect the piece.

Door prizes provided by the Westmoreland WM group were awarded to the lucky ladies whose numbers were drawn.

Thanks to all the wonderful ladies of the Wilson District, a beautiful morning of ministry, fun, and fellowship was enjoyed by those who attended.

Submitted by Teresa Nelson Wilson
District WM Director

Pat Montgomery ministered to the Wilson District WM Rally by sharing her experience as a potter to that of the Master Potter.

Ladies enjoy a delicious meal at the Wilson District WM Rally at Westmoreland Church.

A PERTINENT QUESTION

A pastor was trying to be creative in telling a group of children about the birth of Christ. He used little plastic dolls to represent the key characters. One symbolized Mary, another Joseph, another the innkeeper, and still others the shepherds and the wise men. Apparently the pastor was stretching the story out far too long for one little boy. He raised his hand and when the pastor acknowledged him, he asked, "Why is the most important one left until last?"

He had a good point. Strange isn't it, that we focus so much on the peripherals of Christmas that we have a tendency to leave the most important one until last? There are the decorating, the shopping, the parties, the parades, the concerts, the hustle and bustle of cleaning, cooking, dressing for the next occasion, and so on.

When do we get around to centering on the Guest of honor whose birthday we are celebrating? Aren't we in danger of getting so involved with trivia that we may overlook the great truth of the *Incarnation*?

Let's make this Christmas the most meaningful one ever. It can happen if we put the most important One first, not last.

How Far is it to Christmas ?

How far is it to Christmas Day?
The journey's just as long
As taking time to listen
to a joyful angel song.
It's just as far as one can go
In doing a loving deed
That helps someone feel better
Or that meets their special need.
For Christmas is a journey
That the heart makes every year.
It starts right with your family
And those you hold so dear.
It travels on to strangers
Round the world to everyone
With the message that God loves us
And that's why He's sent His Son!

–Peggy Ferrell

December

Submitted by Teresa Nelson,
Wilson District Director

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP IDEA..
White Tissue & Stencil

Supplies:

- White tissue paper
- Snowflake stencil
- Gold acrylic paint
- Gold lamé ribbon
- Sponge or stencil brush
- Tape
- Scissors

Directions:

Cover package with white tissue paper, tape in place.

Using sponge or brush, stencil gold snowflakes all over package with acrylic paint. Tie gold ribbon around box. Make a loop bow and tie to ribbon.

GREETINGS FROM CHRISTIE...

Christie Baker is in Africa!! She is working with Tim and Gail Bowen and is in the process of setting up a school. Please keep her in your prayers. She would also appreciate hearing from you. Her address is: Christie Baker, c/o P. O. Box AC 1091, Ascot Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Central Africa. Her phone number is: 011-263-09-64222.

Geraleen F. Talmage

P.O. Box 1264, Krugersdorp 1740
10.October 2000

Mrs. Linda Thomas
GEMS and WM Director
North Carolina Conference

Dear Ladies,

The support that you have given the GEMS Program in Africa is truly outstanding!

You have sent offerings several times and one director sent me copies of Skits and plays and teachings that the leaders here could use.

Now this year you collected fifteen boxes of your "left over" materials and brought them to your conference WM Convention. In addition, you took an offering to help ship them to us.

We can never repay these many acts of love. We shall forever remain in your debt!

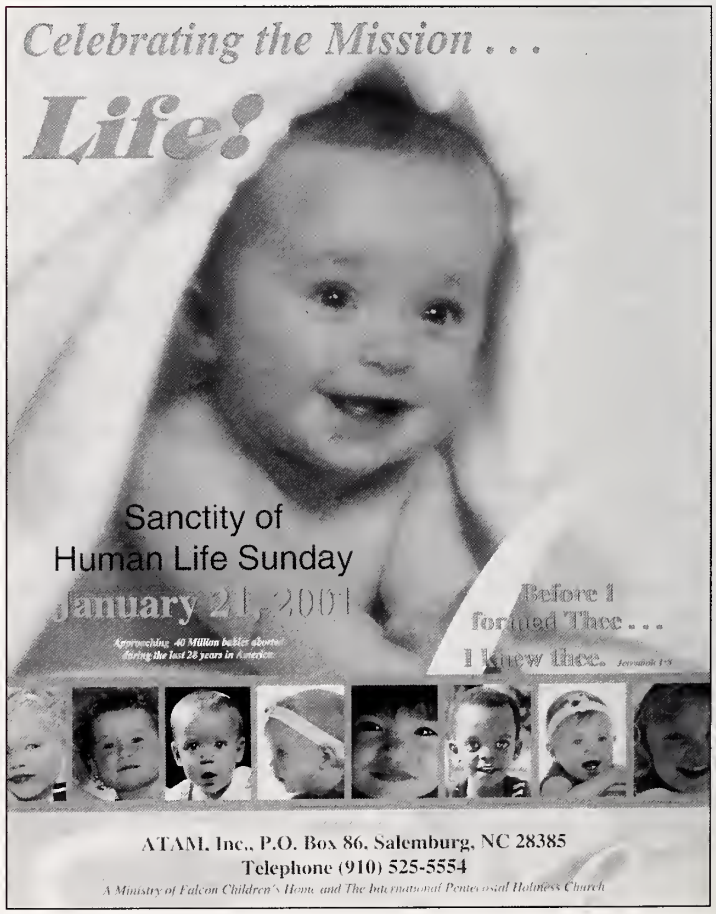
The materials are reaching Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa.

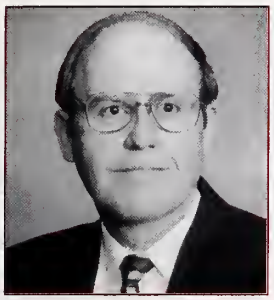
Continue to pray for the girls of Africa. Their lives are much harder and circumstances so very different from the average American girl. They need the love and nurture that the GEMS program offers.

Again, my sincere thanks to each of you.

With love and appreciation,

G. F. Talmage
Geraleen F. Talmage
WM Director for Africa





Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

CHRISTIE BAKER IN AFRICA

Christie has arrived in Zimbabwe. She is doing exceedingly well. Until she finds a place, she is staying with Tim and Gail Bowen. They are being such a blessing. Christie has already assisted Gail in a Bible School. She may be reached at the following:

Christie Baker
c/o P.O. Box AC 1091
Ascot Bulawayo
Zimbabwe, Central Africa
Phone 011-263-09-64222

There are so many people, churches, etc. that flow into getting a missionary to the field and keeping them there. By working together we can do so much more. The same is true for Christie. Allow me to illustrate.

Christie Baker Day at her home church in Wilson. Pastor Merrill Davis read a special proclamation from the mayor of Wilson, Bruce Rose, on September 17.

Christie spoke to the WM Convention in June. She expressed thanks to the ladies for a love offering of over $2,000 given at the annual WM retreat. She used the funds to purchase a digital camera and supplies for the field. She is already sending pictures home.

Some of the many supplies given by the Thompson Chapel ladies for Christie. (right)

Some of the many supplies given by the Wilson First Church. (below)

Mary Andrealli and Debra Proctor of Visual Therapy in San Jose, California, were instrumental in providing Christie a lap top computer and color printer for the field.

God is good! He works through all the members of His body to perfect His will. WELL DONE, NC CONFERENCE.

SEVEN STAR UPDATE

There are only a few days left to earn the remaining stars for the 7-Star Program. Churches, pastors, and local missions directors, check your records. There is still time to be a perfect church for 2000. The stars are:

1. Organizational Stars
   (local director, task force, etc.)
2. Monthly Missions Offering
3. Support a Missionary
4. "GO" Offering Star
5. People to People Star
6. Church Planting Star (USA and/or World Missions)
7. Project Star (mug-a-month, disaster relief, etc.)

NEWLY ORGANIZED HISPANIC CHURCHES

Way To Heaven, Wilson, NC

Two new Hispanic churches were organized the first weekend of November. The Lord is at work!

On Friday night, November 3, the Way to Heaven (Camino al Cielo) church was organized with thirty-five charter members. Some fifty-four were present in the service. The church is pastored by Rev. Macario Guerra. The church meets and began at the Wilson First Church. Well done, Wilson First! Pastor Merrill Davis of Wilson First is to be commended for his leadership in working with Pastor Guerra to start the Hispanic church.

Micro Hispanic

On Sunday afternoon, November 5, the Micro Hispanic Church was organized. The church is pastored by Pastor Rafael Rodriquez. The church began at the Selma church under Pastor Josphine Matos. In time, Pastor Rodriquez came to the church, and the church later moved to the Micro Anglo facility. Some seventy-five plus attended this historical service. A total of thirty-five adults became charter members.

Pastor Shelton Whitman, Micro Anglo pastor, is to be commended for his help in assisting the Hispanic congregation.

In both these services, Superintendent Long, Assistant Superintendent Thompson, and Hispanic Coordinator John Parker were present. It is exciting and rewarding to lead when new churches are organized. May there be many more.

EVANGELISTS' DAY

Sunday, December 3, has been designated Evangelists' Day by the NC Conference Evangelism Board. The purpose of the designation is to lift the awareness and importance of evangelists in the NC Conference.

The NC Conference presently has two Conference evangelists; they are Paul Jackson and Terry Whittenton. These men serve us well. Danny Gurganus served for a short time this year and served well. He has returned as senior pastor of the Faith Church in Edenton. He plans to continue to hold two revivals a month. The church has hired an associate pastor, Brother Linwood Collier, to help him with the church duties. Due to these changes, Brother Gurganus will no long carry the title as Conference Evangelist.

Beginning in January, Rev. Ralph Leggett of Williamston will begin serving as an official conference evangelist. More information will be given later. Welcome aboard, Brother Leggett.

On Evangelists' Day all the churches and members of the North Carolina Conference are urged to pray for all the evangelists of the Conference, not just the official Conference Evangelists.

Those evangelists that carry the title Conference Evangelist receive some supplement from the NC Conference Evangelism Department. The supplement is in the form of housing, monthly hospital insurance, and special gifts during the year.

Each year in connection with Evangelists' Day, the Evangelism Department raises funds for extra Christmas gifts for Conference Evangelists. This has proven to be a real blessing to the evangelists at a time when funds are low. Love gifts may be sent to NC Conference Evangelism, P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342 and earmarked Evangelists' Christmas. The funds will be divided between the present Conference Evangelists.

David Wheeler Christian Education Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT: JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2000

Church	SS Enroll-ment	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	Ext. Avg.	YM Enroll-ment	YM Avg. Att.
CLINTON DISTRICT						
Clinton	370	176	0	0	50	34
Garland	65	35	0	0	0	0
Goshen	85	29	0	0	0	19
Gospel Tabernacle	380	175	25	22	255	171
Hollands Chapel	77	65	0	0	38	28
Midway	103	33	0	0	78	27
Peniel	262	104	0	0	210	60
Saint Matthew	74	49	0	0	35	30
Sharon	114	55	0	0	45	40
Trinity	19	26	0	0	0	0
Tyndall Grove	75	60	0	0	15	12
Warsaw	83	38	0	0	0	0
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT						
Aberdeen	78	45	0	0	63	15
Baywood	135	58	0	0	0	72
Culbreth Memorial	131	103	22	18	90	102
Eastside	202	48	0	40	21	12
Grace Community	47	19	0	0	40	16
Lyon Memorial	55	15	0	0	0	0
Mount Carmel	380	188	0	0	219	145
Northwood Temple	1790	700	0	0	0	500
Oak Ridge	64	24	0	0	28	16
Santord First	0	57	0	0	0	43
Shiloh	85	47	0	0	0	0
Stedman	246	157	0	0	195	92
GOLDSBORO DISTRICT						
Belfast	130	86	0	0	78	50
Bizzell Grove	165	103	40	27	82	59
Brocks Chapel	170	63	0	0	91	59
Jones Grove	54	38	0	0	0	0
Kenly	113	39	0	0	0	0
Manley Grove	106	47	0	0	0	0
Mount Olive	105	102	0	0	0	86
Niagara	175	48	0	0	33	15
Pikes Crossroads	187	80	0	29	145	68
Saint John	138	90	0	0	35	57
Tabernacle	0	18	0	0	0	16
The First	360	200	0	0	0	215
Thunder Swamp	0	46	0	0	0	0
GREENVILLE DISTRICT						
Albritton	62	26	0	21	32	24
Ayden	0	29	0	0	0	0
Bethel	58	33	0	0	0	0
Carson Memorial	80	45	0	0	65	29
Family Life Tabernacle	0	41	0	0	0	45
Gethsemane	0	54	0	0	19	0
Graceway Fellowship	9	10	0	0	0	0
Greenville First	0	0	0	52	0	0
Grifton	28	13	0	0	0	0
Hopewell	0	22	0	0	0	24
Kinston First	667	246	0	0	0	243
St Paul	0	109	0	0	0	115
Winterville	57	29	0	0	0	0
LUMBERTON DISTRICT						
Abbottsburg	42	34	0	0	17	19
Boardman	210	55	0	0	0	0
Chadbourn	220	121	0	0	174	80
Elizabethtown	50	38	10	13	0	0
Lumberton	151	96	10	9	135	93
Mt. Olive	309	200	0	0	85	60
Nakina	93	54	0	0	30	16
Red Spirings	45	16	0	0	0	0
St. Pauls	206	163	10	10	0	110
Westview	118	56	0	0	102	56
MOOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT						
Cedar Point	46	28	0	0	15	12
Crystal Coast	36	5	0	0	0	0
Graham Memorial	0	109	0	0	0	55
Harkers Island	125	106	0	0	67	49
Swyrna	0	144	0	0	0	88
NEW BERN DISTRICT						
Alliance	19	12	0	0	0	0
Bridgeton	75	65	0	0	0	0
Friendship	16	9	0	0	0	0
Goose Creek	23	22	0	0	0	0
Harvest Temple	195	110	35	0	135	85
Heritage	56	23	0	0	46	15
Hodges Chapel	87	39	0	0	0	0
Lighthouse	8	7	0	0	0	0
Lowland	36	29	0	0	0	0
New'Bern First	91	46	0	0	48	19
New Vision	47	20	0	0	0	0
Reelsboro	111	48	45	0	49	38
Vanceboro	51	40	0	0	0	0
RALEIGH DISTRICT						
Abundant Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benson	167	95	48	0	140	111
Clayton	31	22	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel	80	58	0	0	62	42
Evangel	0	27	0	0	0	39
Selma	37	25	0	0	0	0
The Capital	350	146	0	0	170	208
ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT						
Alert	77	33	0	0	35	12
Brentwood	140	114	0	0	160	143
Calvary Temple	14	11	0	0	0	0
Ebenezer	53	37	0	0	55	38
Harvest Temple	195	109	25	15	135	82
Hobgood	91	60	0	0	0	0
Living Faith Fellowship	110	59	0	0	89	57
New Covenant	29	25	0	0	13	19
Scotland Neck	39	34	0	0	0	0
Tarboro First	214	153	0	0	185	126
Taylors Chapel	104	45	0	0	0	0
Thomas Chapel	72	50	0	0	61	26
Trinity	47	31	0	0	0	0
Vaughans Chapel	83	35	0	0	0	0
Vicks Chapel	24	22	0	0	0	0
Weldon	54	55	13	11	0	0
WILLIAMSTON DISTRICT						
Bethany	155	89	5	24	109	36
Faith WD	45	38	0	0	18	14
Grace Family Fellowship	213	80	0	0	195	73
Hamilton	65	36	0	0	0	0
Higher Ground	133	51	0	0	58	53
Millennium	136	62	35	35	88	37
Pinetown	4	5	0	0	0	0
Rehoboth	139	74	0	0	0	0
Roper	112	68	0	0	102	51
Wades Point	42	20	0	0	0	0
Wakelon	11	8	0	0	0	0
Williamston	166	95	0	8	109	75
Windsor	13	8	0	0	0	0
WILMINGTON DISTRICT						
Harvest Fellowship	94	63	0	0	87	87
Jacksonville	61	46	0	0	10	32
Sneads Ferry	0	32	0	0	0	15
Harvest Time Ministries	7	7	0	0	7	7
Wallace	229	105	0	0	0	69
Wilmington	142	82	0	0	142	52
WILSON DISTRICT						
Black Creek	74	44	0	0	0	0
Conerstone	45	31	0	0	0	22
Friendship WD	102	25	0	0	59	21
Independence	62	44	0	0	0	0
Lamm's Grove	15	7	0	0	0	0
Living Waters	0	44	0	0	0	27
Middlesex	20	17	0	0	0	0
Moores Chapel	100	56	0	0	71	30
Shiloh	290	110	17	17	188	77
Sims	54	29	0	0	0	0
Snow Hill	69	42	0	0	0	0
Statonsburg	109	61	0	0	0	50
Thompson Chapel		55	0	0	0	38
Westmoreland	174	34	0	0	119	54
Wilson First	173	114	0	0	75	67
GRAND TOTALS	**9233**	**5147**	**117**	**241**	**2586**	**3174**

2001 District Talent

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7:30 p.m.

Clinton District:
Clinton First Church
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9:00 a.m.

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